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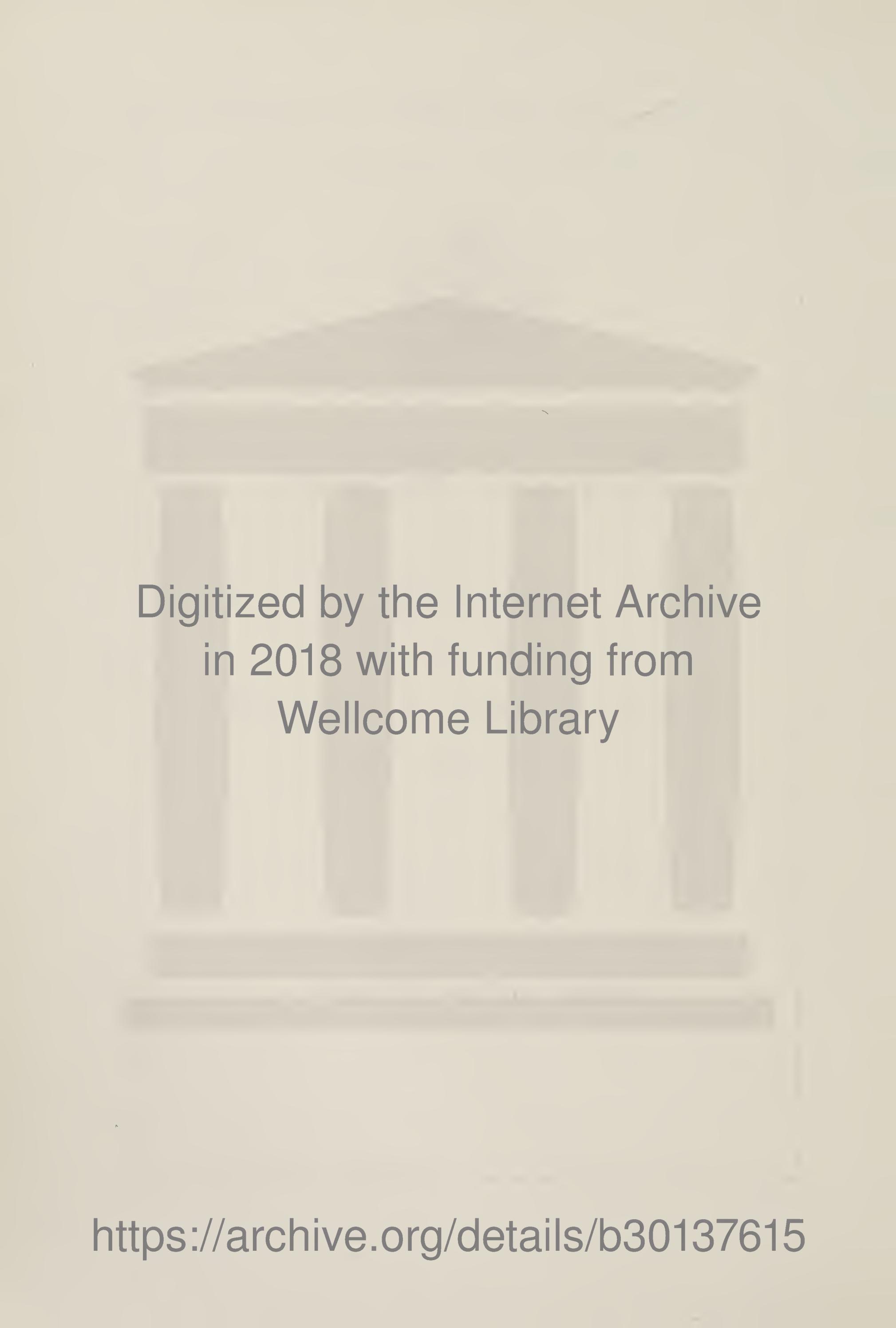
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* Photograph of Great Moor Clinic facing page 76.

County Borough of Stockport

HEALTH COMMITTEE

(As at 31st December, 1963)

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Councillor A. S. Everett</i>
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	<i>Alderman Mrs. M. White</i>
<i>The Worshipful the Mayor</i>	<i>Alderman H. Hope</i>
<i>Alderman Mrs. C. S. Grant</i>	<i>Councillor Mrs. J. E. Dodd</i>
<i>Alderman T. J. Vernon Parry</i>	<i>Councillor J. M. C. Downie</i>
<i>Councillor Mrs. G. Berger</i>	<i>Councillor R. Humphreys</i>
<i>Councillor S. Brummat</i>	<i>Councillor M. Mendleson</i>
<i>Councillor W. Cameron</i>	<i>Councillor J. E. Walton</i>
<i>Councillor Mrs. A. Cross</i>	

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

<i>Chairman</i>	<i>Alderman Mrs. M. White</i>
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	<i>Councillor Mrs. J. E. Dodd</i>
<i>Alderman Mrs. C. S. Grant</i>	<i>Councillor J. M. C. Downie</i>
<i>Alderman T. J. Vernon Parry</i>	<i>Councillor A. S. Everett</i>
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<i>Councillor W. Cameron</i>	<i>Councillor J. E. Walton</i>
<i>Councillor Mrs. A. Cross</i>	

STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health : Principal School Medical Officer
Administrative Maternity and Child Welfare Officer

Alexander Robert Millar Moir, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health

George Tullo Pollock, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Resigned 11. 9.63)
 Ian Fraser Ralph, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Commenced 11.11.63)

**Assistant Medical Officers of Health and
 Maternity and Child Welfare Officers :**

Marjorie Ward, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
 Stella Rosemary Alsop, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.R.C.O.G. (Commenced 14. 1.63)

**Assistant Medical Officers Maternity and
 Child Welfare Centres (part-time) :**

M. Wilson, M.B., Ch.B.
 M. I. H. Roberts, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
 E. Bradshaw, M.B., Ch.B.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS
Chief Public Health Inspector

F. Winder, Cert. S. I. B., M.R.S.H., F.A.P.H.I. # * ¢

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector

H. Howard, Cert. S. I. B., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. #

Senior District Inspectors

L. Davies Cert. S. I. B., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. # *

R. Thompson, Cert. S. I. B., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. #

C. Burns, Cert. S. I. B., M.A.P.H.I. #

W. H. Tomlinson, Cert. S. I. B., M.A.P.H.I. # * ¢

District Inspectors

R. L. Robbins, Cert. P.H.I.E.B. # (Resigned 3. 2. 63)

J. T. Ainsworth, Cert. P.H.I.E.B. (Resigned 26. 4. 63)

R. H. Flint, Cert. P.H.I.E.B., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. # (Resigned 20. 10. 63)

M. J. Green, Cert. P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I. (Resigned 31. 10. 63)

D. T. Ford, Cert. P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I. (Promoted from Pupil Inspector 10. 7. 63)

F. R. Knighton, Cert. P.H.I.E.B., M.A.P.H.I.

(Vacant Posts 6)

Authorised Meat Inspector

Alfred Collens, M. Inst.M., A.R.S.H. (Appointed 30. 9. 63)

Pupil Inspectors

J. E. Livings

M. Daker (Resigned 14. 7. 63)

I. M. Berry (Appointed 20. 5. 63)

J. R. Harvey (Appointed 19. 8. 63)

Senior Housing Inspector

S. A. Barker, Cert. S. I. B., M.A.P.H.I. # *

Housing Inspectors

T. Stockton, Cert. S. I. B., M.A.P.H.I.

(Vacant Posts 2)

Meat and Other Foods Certificate

* Smoke Certificate

¢ Sanitary Science

Rodent Operatives

Rodent Officer - J. Ainsworth

(3 operatives)

General Assistants (Clean Air)

J. McDonald

A. Hughes (Resigned 29. 12. 63)

N. B. Fielding

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

Superintendent Health Visitor

Miss S.C. Griffiths, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Superintendent Welfare Centres :

Mrs. V.M. Rayner, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.

Health Visitors :

Miss A. D. Clark, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (Retired 19. 9.63)
 Miss V. Burton, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
 Miss D. Howarth, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
 Miss M. M. Humphries, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
 Mrs. A. M. Bennett, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (Resigned 6. 1.63)
 Miss L. M. G. Price, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
 Miss M. A. Storah, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
 Mrs. A. Brown, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
 Mrs. C. I. L. Coombes, S.R.N., S.C.M.,
 Miss K. Craven, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
 Miss J. Parry, S.R.N., S.C.M., N.U. Cert. (Resigned 31. 3.63)
 Mrs. L. Smith, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert.
 Miss J. Leech, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (Commenced 16. 4.63)
 Mrs. D. Hewitt, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (Appointed 18. 9.63)
 Mrs. D. M. Burns, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. (Appointed 22. 7.63)

Physiotherapists :

Miss J. P. Davie (Part-time)
 Miss P. N. Harrison (Part-time)
 Mrs. Butter (Part-time)
 Mrs. M. Barlow (Part-time)
 Mrs. N. Summers (Part-time)

Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives

Miss D. A. Carter, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N. *

Municipal Midwives

Miss F. R. Clayton, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N. *
 Mrs. M. Wheeler, S.C.M. *
 Mrs. M. B. Seddon, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N. *
 Miss J. E. J. Maguire, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Mrs. I. M. Munro, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Mrs. S. A. Pugh, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Mrs. W. Davenport, S.C.M. *
 Miss B. Finneran, S.C.M. *
 Mrs. N. Slack, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Miss E. A. Macarty, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Miss E. Hardy, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert. *
 Mrs. M. Scragg, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N. *
 Miss S. E. Southall, S.C.M. *
 Miss C. B. Booth, S.R.N., S.C.M.
 Mrs. M. M. Murray, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Commenced 4. 3.63)

Part-time Midwives

Mrs. H. M. J. Harris, S.R.N., S.C.M.
 Mrs. W. Rye, S.E.A.N. (Resigned 20. 1.63)
 Mrs. L. E. Welchew, S.C.M. (Resigned 28. 7.63)
 Miss P. B. Maddock, S.R.N., S.C.M.
 Mrs. V. E. Fryer, S.R.N.
 Mrs. M. Robertson, S.C.M.
 Mrs. E. Holroyd, S.R.N. (Resigned 29. 6.63)
 Mrs. M. M. O'Hara, S.R.N. (Commenced 4. 2.63)
 Mrs. E. Chiverton, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Re-commenced 1. 7.63)

Day Nurseries**DAW BANK**

Matron : Mrs. E.C. Blood, S.R.F.N.

Staff Nurse : Miss B.A. Bertrand, N.N.E.B. (Resigned 1.11.63)
(7 Nursing Staff, 3 Domestic Staff)**WHITEHILL**

Matron : Mrs. D.J. Allen, S.R.N.

Deputy Matron : Miss A.M. Davidson, R.S.N.
(9 Nursing Staff, 3 Domestic Staff)**Domestic Help Service**Organiser : Miss R. Bowers (Resigned 21.5.63)
Mrs. M. Sweeney (Commenced 22.7.63)
Deputy Organiser : Miss D.A. Knowles
(6 Domestic Helps Full-time, 99 Part-time)**Home Nursing Service**Superintendent : Miss V.W. Fallows, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.
Assistant Superintendent : Miss E. Davis, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. Cert, Q.N.
(20 District Nurses Full-time, 4 Part-time)
(5 Bath Attendants)**Ambulance Service**Superintendent : J.R. Chynoweth
Deputy Superintendent : S. Smith
4 Shift Leaders (Appointed 22.8.63)
32 Driver/Attendants
1 Garage Mechanic
2 Telephonists**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE****Senior Mental Welfare Officer**

H.H. Birtles, M.S.M.W.O.

Mental Welfare OfficersMrs. S. H. Saunders, S.R.N., R.M.N., R.M.P.A., M.I.S.P. (Deceased 24.6.63)
Mrs. S.M.E. O'Rourke, B.A. (Soc. Admin.) (Appointed 12.2.63)
Mr. J.R. Clark, B.A. (Appointed 30.9.63)**Trainee Mental Welfare Officer**

Mr. W.F.I. Whinton, Dip. N.A.M.H. (Appointed 23.9.63)

Training Centres**BEACON HOUSE**Supervisor : Miss M.E. Paget
6 Assistant Supervisors**PROSPECT HOUSE**Supervisor : E.M. Saul
(2 Assistant Supervisors)
1 Handicraft Instructor

CLERICAL STAFF

Senior Administrative Assistant :

G. Calvert, F.C.C.S.

Administrative Assistant :

H. Joules

General Health

Statistical Clerk :

E. N. Forsyth

Wages and Accounts Clerk :

D. A. Farrington

Shorthand Typists :

Miss E. W. Jones (Senior Shorthand Typist)

Miss H. Stockton (Resigned 31.3.63)

Miss P. A. Chaffe (Commenced 15.4.63)

Junior Clerks :

Mrs. A. M. Tomkinson (nee Newbery) (Transferred to M. & C. W. 22.7.63)

Miss J. Howard (Resigned 15.9.63)

Miss H. Wagstaff

Miss J. M. Tymn (Commenced 8.7.63)

Miss P. Williams (Commenced 1.10.63)

Maternity and Child Welfare

Senior Clerk :

Miss N. Toyne

Clerks :

Mrs. J. A. Johnson (Resigned 26.5.63)

Miss J. M. Swindells

Mrs. M. J. Cadman (nee Comish)

Miss T. Cannally

Miss J. A. Blacker

Miss S. Barnett (Resigned 29.12.63)

SANITARY

Senior Clerks :

L. L. Buckland

S. Houchin

Shorthand Typists :

Miss L. A. Armstrong (Resigned 30.8.63)

Mrs. J. Dyson (Recommenced 26.8.63)

Miss P. A. Henshall

Junior Clerks :

G. Wood (Resigned 15.3.63)

R. S. Dobbins

P. J. Walker (Commenced 9.7.63)

Public Analyst (Part-time) :

Tennyson Harris, P.H.C., F.C.I.S.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the County Borough of Stockport

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1963, which has been prepared on the lines of the Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/64.

In the year under review the vital statistics show some slight variation from the previous year. There was a decrease in the birth rate which was 18.17 compared with 19.05 in 1962; there was a decrease in the infant mortality rate which was 23.52 compared with 25.04 in 1962; there was a decrease in the death rate which was 13.16 compared with 13.42 in 1962 and there was one maternal death compared with two in 1962, giving rates of 0.375 compared with 0.72. There were 158 illegitimate births compared with 161 in 1962 giving an illegitimate birth rate of 60.93 compared with 59.30; the highest rate recorded over the past 30 years was 88.57 in 1945. During the year there were 18 suicides, this conforms to the average rate over the previous ten years.

Infectious diseases notifications showed little change from last year, 1,192 cases were notified compared with 1,162 in 1962 and of this number 1,042 were cases of measles, compared with 933 cases of measles in 1962. There was one death from measles, though the complications of this disease still give rise to concern especially those involving the ears and the central nervous system. No cases of poliomyelitis were notified in 1962 or 1963. Deaths associated with cancer showed very little variation from the previous year, there were 343 deaths in 1963 compared with 342 in 1962. Deaths attributable to lung cancer numbered 89 which is the highest recorded figure since 1950.

There were 33 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the year compared with 57 in 1962 and there was a tremendous variation in the death rate - 5 in 1963 compared with 11 in 1962. A mass miniature radiography session has been held at regular monthly intervals at Ponsonby House to deal with cases referred by general practitioners, the local authority, and industrial concerns. 804 cases were referred by general practitioners in 1963 representing a 10 per cent increase on last year's figure. Nine cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and eight cases of neoplasm were discovered. In addition, a survey of the northern half of the town was commenced in October in the Reddish area. This survey will be completed in 1964.

The sickness rate generally throughout the year showed a slight decrease; an average of 834 first sickness certificates per week (from the working population) were submitted, compared with 881 in 1962. The highest rate occurred in March when 1,762 certificates were submitted, this peak was not sustained.

During the year good liaison has continued between the domiciliary and hospital maternity services; 1,316 mothers were confined in hospital and 1,058 were confined in their own homes. The domiciliary service has been at adequate strength to meet the additional strain during periods when there were early discharges from hospital to relieve stress on the available beds. The use of the 'co-operation card' has been established and every effort is made to integrate as far as possible the general medical practitioner, the midwives and the hospital service.

The Chiropody Service continues to run smoothly. The volume of work in this service has shown a steady increase since its inauguration in 1960 and it has been found necessary to start an additional session in the North Reddish area. There is a very low cancellation rate and it is certain that the demands on, and the need for, this service will increase each year.

The demands on the Home Help Service continue to be heavy. A new Supervisor was appointed in July who has effected a good deal of re-organisation and has succeeded in improving the efficiency of the Service.

Work in connection with diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, and poliomyelitis immunisation was continued throughout the year and a special effort was made in connection with B.C.G. vaccination by sending explanatory leaflets to all parents of 13 year old children.

The Christie Hospital Cervix Cytodiagnostic Service has been made available, through this Department. A clinic has been established which complements the work of the general medical practitioner and women desiring this service can attend this clinic by appointment.

There has been increased activity in Health Education during the year, particularly with regard to smoking and cancer. There has also been an increase in the use of visual aids and films and these have been of particular interest and help to expectant mothers and their husbands. The arrangements for this instruction have been organised by the Superintendent of Midwives.

Work on the slum clearance programme is going on steadily and the position at the end of the year indicated that from November 1955 to December 1963, action had been taken in respect of 3,743 houses.

Work in connection with the Clean Air programme has continued during the year and progress in this work has been made by the technical assistants working under the direction of the Public Health Inspectors. During the year one further smoke control order was confirmed, two have been submitted to the Ministry, and another is under survey.

The Mental Health Service has worked satisfactorily throughout the year in spite of staff changes. At present one member is being sponsored to undertake training at Manchester University for the Psychiatric Social Workers Certificate.

Included in this year's report are particulars of water analyses. These indicate that the fluoride content of Stockport water is below the amount of fluoride which has been recommended for addition to the water, in order to act as a safeguard against teeth decay in children. Artificial fluoridation of drinking water was considered by the Health Committee and the Council and it was resolved - "That, whilst accepting that the intake of fluoride will benefit children's teeth, the Committee is not yet convinced that the addition of fluoride to the public water supply is the best method of administering it".

A short table giving a record of the number of patients attending Stockport Venereal Diseases Clinic is included in the Report. This record indicates that the incidence of this disease is not particularly high, but this does not call for complacency. It might not represent the whole picture as patients can attend clinics outside the County Borough area.

During the year additional car allowances have been granted to health visitors, midwives, district nurses, the home help service and the mental welfare service and there is no doubt that this assistance has improved the mobility and efficiency of these services.

The Department still continues to sponsor students for health visitor training, and has done so since 1949, but in spite of this it has not been possible to make up the loss of staff due to marriage, retirement, and staff seeking appointments in the South of England. Consequently, with the staff below optimum strength it has not been found possible to second health visitors to general practitioners. Fortunately, liaison with general practitioners is good and it is known that the services of the health visitors are available to them, in individual cases on request, through the Superintendent.

During the year there were many changes of staff. Dr. G.T. Pollock, Deputy Medical Officer of Health obtained a similar post at Coventry and was succeeded by Dr. I.F. Ralph. Dr. S.R. Alsop was appointed Assistant Medical Officer of Health and commenced on the 14th January, 1963. During the year there was a tremendous loss of public health inspectors and it has been found impossible to recruit replacements. Training has been going on in the Department for many years and the number of pupil public health inspectors has been extended but it will take considerable time before there is any hope of ever reaching full establishment. In September 1963 an Authorised Meat Inspector was appointed in order to assist the Council to fulfil its obligations in relation to the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963.

It is with regret that I have to record the death of Mrs. S. Saunders, Mental Welfare Officer, who was killed in a car accident in June, 1963. She was a valuable member of the staff for some years.

I wish to place on record my thanks to all members of the staff for their loyal response to all demands which have been made upon them.

I am deeply grateful to all the various committees for their consideration and encouragement at all times.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

A. R. M. MOIR.

Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1964.

SECTION I

STATISTICS, NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

COUNTY BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT

SECTION I

Statistics, Natural and Social Conditions of the Area

(a) STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

	Stockport	England and Wales (Provisional)
Population (Census 1961).....	142,543	-
Estimated Civilian Population, Mid Year.....	142,740	47,022,700
Area in acres.....	8,440	-
Live Births.....	2,593	-
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population.....	18.17	18.2
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births.....	6.09%	-
Still births.....	67	-
Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births.....	25.18	17.3
Total live and still births.....	2,660	-
Infant deaths (under 1 year).....	61	-
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births - total.....	23.52	20.9
" " " " " " " " - legitimate.....	23.40	-
" " " " " " " " - illegitimate.....	25.31	-
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births.....	16.19	14.2
Early Neo-Natal Mortality rate.....	13.49	-
Perinatal Mortality rate.....	38.34	-
Maternal Deaths (including abortion).....	1	-
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total live and still births....	0.375	0.28
Birth rate per 1,000 population adjusted for area comparability...	18.53	-
General Death rate per 1,000 population.....	13.16	12.2
" " " " adjusted for area comparability.....	14.08	-

(b) STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres).....	8,440
Registrar-General's estimate of resident civilian population, 1963.....	142,740
Number of inhabited houses (31/12/63) according to rate books, approx.....	48,770
Sum represented by a penny rate (1962/63).....	£7,073
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1963.....	£1,772,945

Extracts from vital statistics for the year -

	Total	M.	F.	
Live Births : Legitimate	2,435	1,241	1,194	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population (142,740) 18.17
Illegitimate	158	83	75	
Stillbirths.....	67	33	34--	Rate per 1,000 total births (live and stillbirths) 25.18
Deaths.....	1,879	938	941	Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population (142,740) 13.16

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth.....

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :

All Infants per 1,000 live births.....	23.52
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.....	23.40
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.....	25.31

Deaths from Neoplasms (all ages)

Deaths from Neoplasms (all ages).....	343
" " Measles (all ages).....	1
" " Whooping Cough (all ages).....	Nil
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....	Nil
Death Rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis per 1,000.....	.035
Death Rate from all other Tubercular Diseases.....	Nil

(c) COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS
YEAR 1963

	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Mortality Rate	Still Birth Rate (per 1000 live & still births)	Perinatal Mortality Rate	Death Rate from Phthisis	Death Rate from Other Tubercular Diseases	Maternal causes excluding abortion	Due to Abortion	Total maternal mortality
England and Wales (Provisional)	18. 2	12. 2	20. 9	17. 3	x	.056	.007	0.22	0.06	0. 28
Birkenhead	20. 9	13. 8	29. 6	20. 3	37. 3	0.07	0.014	-	-	-
Burnley	16. 43	16. 02	34. 14	22. 26	37. 09	0.25	-	-	-	-
Bury	19. 59	14. 69	21. 48	17. 05	30. 05	0.03	-	-	-	-
Halifax	17. 51	16. 55	29. 20	18. 14	26. 92	0.06	-	-	-	-
Liverpool	21. 32	12. 04	26. 11	21. 76	35. 22	0.07	0.005	0.186	0.062	0. 248
Manchester	20. 33	12. 99	29. 37	21. 18	37. 35	0.08	0.01	0.15	0.07	0. 22
Oldham	18. 39	14. 61	29. 99	16. 39	29. 49	0.09	-	-	-	-
Preston	18. 54	12. 82	27. 54	22. 30	37. 32	0.09	0.03	-	-	-
Rochdale	18. 1	14. 6	18. 0	23. 7	34. 0	0.09	0.02	-	-	-
Salford	20. 37	13. 29	31. 07	22. 32	39. 99	0.065	0.013	0.62	0.309	0. 929
St. Helens	17. 7	12. 4	26. 9	32. 1	47. 9	0.56	0.09	2.5	-	2. 5
STOCKPORT	18.17	13. 16	23. 52	25. 18	38. 34	0. 035	-	0. 375	-	0. 375
Wallasey	18. 87	13. 89	24. 6	12. 65	33. 4	0.087	-	0.506	-	0.506
Wigan	16. 92	13. 26	29. 26	22. 73	34. 46	0.04	0.01	0.73	-	0.73

x Not available

(d) VITAL STATISTICS

(i) Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the civilian population for the Borough at mid-year, 1963, is 142,740. Non-Civilians (i.e., Stockport inhabitants serving with Her Majesty's Forces) are excluded from this estimate.

(ii) Births

The corrected number of births registered for the Borough during 1963 was 2,593 of which 1,324 were males and 1,269 females. The birth-rate per thousand of the population was equal to 18.17, the figure for 1962 being 19.05. In 1962 there were 2,715 births - 1,410 males, 1,305 females.

The birth-rate (provisional) for England and Wales was 18.2.

(iii) Deaths

The corrected number of deaths recorded during 1963 was 1,879, namely 938 males and 941 females. The death-rate per thousand of the estimated population was 13.16 as compared with 13.42 in 1962.

The provisional rate for England and Wales was 12.2.

More detailed information and certain comparative rates of other similar towns are shown in the tables on pages 14, 15 and 18 to 21.

		1963	1962
The chief causes of Death were :			
Heart Disease		602	607
Other Circulatory Diseases ..		59	90
Neoplasm, Malignant Disease ..		343	342
Pneumonia (all forms)		115	100
Vascular Lesions		297	311
Bronchitis		138	137

There were also the following Deaths from :

Suicide	18	18
Accidents	64	41

The Death Rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the whole of the Borough was 0.035 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 0.077 for 1962, and the total number of deaths recorded was 5 compared with 11 for 1962.

The number of deaths of children under one year of age was 61, giving an infant Mortality Rate for 1963 of 23.52. The Provisional Rate for 1963 for England and Wales was 20.9.

(iv) Illegitimacy

During the year there were 158 illegitimate births recorded by the Registrar-General as belonging to the Borough, as compared with 161 in 1962. This gave an illegitimate birth rate of 60.93 per thousand total live births, as compared with 59.3 in 1962.

There were four deaths of illegitimate children born during 1963.

The following table shows the comparison between the death rates of illegitimate children and others registered in the Borough during the past few years.

Year	Estimated population	Births		Illegitimate Births		Total deaths under 1 year of age	Infant mortality per 1000 births	Deaths of illegitimate under 1 year of age	Illegitimate infant mortality per 1000 illegitimate births
		Legitimate	Illegitimate	to 1000 pop'l'n	to 1000 births				
1948	140900	2323	141	1.00	57.22	91	36.93	6	42.55
1949	141460	2163	116	0.82	50.90	93	40.81	6	51.72
1950	142110	2036	114	0.80	53.02	76	35.35	3	26.32
1951	140700	1954	109	0.77	52.83	85	41.20	5	45.87
1952	141000	2019	92	0.65	43.58	61	28.90	6	65.22
1953	141000	2045	112	0.79	51.92	64	29.67	2	17.86
1954	141200	1981	108	0.76	51.69	79	37.81	6	55.55
1955	141100	1961	100	0.71	48.52	69	33.47	7	70.00
1956	140900	2174	126	0.89	54.78	66	28.69	1	7.93
1957	141200	2183	83	0.65	40.86	50	21.96	NIL	NIL
1958	141400	2208	97	0.68	42.08	58	25.16	6	61.85
1959	141500	2087	125	0.88	56.50	61	27.57	4	32.0
1960	141440	2297	140	0.99	57.44	81	33.23	5	35.71
1961	142080	2415	146	1.02	57.00	66	25.77	2	13.69
1962	142570	2554	161	1.12	59.30	68	25.04	4	24.84
1963	142740	2435	158	1.10	60.93	61	23.52	4	25.31

*Census of 1961

Total population at all ages, 142,543

Area of District in acres (land and water) : 8,440

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE BOROUGH DURING 1963, AND PREVIOUS YEARS

Year	Births		Total deaths Registered in the District			Transferable Deaths			Nett Deaths Belonging to the District		
	Population estimated to middle of each year	Nett	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number
			Un-Corrected Number	Corrected Number	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number
1954	141,200	2851	2089	14.8	2309	16.35	666	108	79	38	1751
1955	141,100	2601	2061	14.61	2461	17.44	642	127	69	33	1946
1956	140,900	2799	2300	16.32	2383	16.91	627	137	66	28	1893
1957	141,200	2800	2276	16.11	2348	16.62	645	119	50	21	1822
1958	141,400	2901	2305	16.30	2456	17.36	654	152	58	25	1954
1959	141,500	2811	2212	15.6	2320	16.39	703	120	61	27	1737
1960	141,440	3194	2437	17.23	2400	16.98	657	147	81	33	1890
1961	142,080	3325	2561	18.03	2458	17.30	647	110	66	25	1921
1962	142,570	3586	2715	19.05	2464	17.29	715	164	68	25	1913
1963	142,740	3544	2593	18.17	2521	17.66	769	127	61	23	1879

(vi) BIRTH RATE, DEATH RATE, INFANT MORTALITY RATE, AND MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE, (1926 - 1963)

Year	Birth-rate	Death-rate	Infant Mortality	Maternal Mortality
1926	16.06	12.78	82	4.77
1927	14.66	12.54	77	5.70
1928	14.32	12.79	77	5.68
1929	13.30	13.87	92	6.12
1930	13.79	12.02	57	1.60
1931	13.60	13.85	79	6.04
1932	12.66	12.72	71	2.94
1933	12.23	13.83	83	4.27
1934	13.58	11.85	55	3.82
1935	12.93	11.97	57	5.59
1936	13.65	13.16	76	3.15
1937	14.14	13.94	57	8.60
1938	14.35	13.03	56	2.94
1939	14.12	13.56	70	1.49
1940	14.57	15.28	60	1.47
1941	14.16	14.18	75	4.62
1942	16.59	12.96	67	4.05
1943	17.30	14.00	64	2.20
1944	18.62	13.86	68	4.03
1945	16.59	13.46	68	2.70
1946	19.49	13.12	51	1.08
1947	21.59	13.28	48	0.95
1948	17.49	11.86	36	0.79
1949	16.11	13.18	40	0.42
1950	15.13	13.14	35	0.46
1951	14.66	14.66	41	1.41
1952	14.97	12.62	29	1.86
1953	15.30	14.50	30	1.36
1954	14.80	12.40	38	0.92
1955	14.61	13.79	33	0.47
1956	16.32	13.43	28	1.69
1957	16.11	12.90	21	NIL
1958	16.30	13.81	25	0.38
1959	15.6	12.27	27	NIL
1960	17.23	13.36	33	NIL
1961	18.03	13.52	25	0.38
1962	19.05	13.42	25	0.72
1963	18.17	13.16	23	0.37

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE IN THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT, 1963 (Contd.)

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Cause of Death	Sex	Under 4 wks	4 wks to 1 yr	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	TOTAL		
													M	F	M
21. Other Circulatory Diseases													20	39	4
22. Influenza													3	3	3
23. Pneumonia													58	57	103
24. Bronchitis													6	29	32
25. Other diseases of Respiratory System													16	30	31
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum													15	17	17
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea													38	9	11
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis													4	4	2
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate													1	1	1
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion													1	1	1
31. Congenital Malformation													1	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases													1	1	1
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents													1	1	1
34. All other Accidents													2	2	2
35. Suicide													1	1	1
36. Homicide and operations of War													1	1	1
All Causes													11	11	11
Totals													317	479	809
													933	941	1879

(e) SICKNESS FIGURES

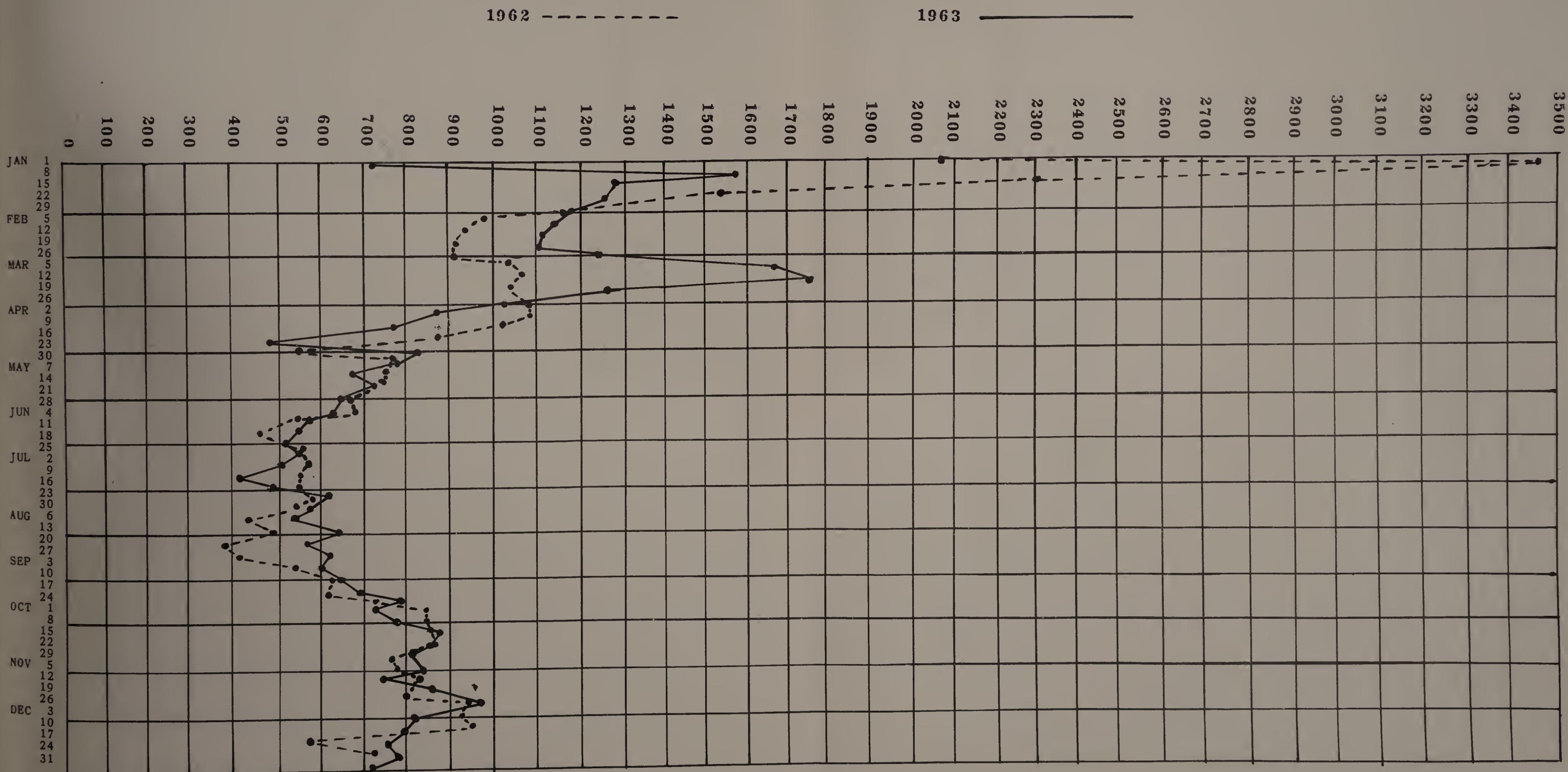
The figures shown below represent the number of first sickness certificates submitted to the local insurance office by the working population in the Stockport area. This year the peak period occurred in March, when 1,762 certificates were submitted in one week compared with 3,452 in January, 1962.

INCIDENCE OF SICKNESS - WORKING POPULATION, 1963

Jan.	1st	.. ..	721	Aug.	6th	.. ..	530
,,	8th	.. ..	1578	,,	13th	.. ..	643
,,	15th	.. ..	1290	,,	20th	.. ..	573
,,	22nd	.. ..	1260	,,	27th	.. ..	615
,,	29th	.. ..	1183				
Feb.	5th	.. ..	1139	Sept.	3rd	.. ..	610
,,	12th	.. ..	1116	,,	10th	.. ..	656
,,	19th	.. ..	1109	,,	17th	.. ..	693
,,	26th	.. ..	1247	,,	24th	.. ..	776
Mar.	5th	.. ..	1677	Oct.	1st	.. ..	731
,,	12th	.. ..	1762	,,	8th	.. ..	796
,,	19th	.. ..	1254	,,	15th	.. ..	882
,,	26th	.. ..	1022	,,	22nd	.. ..	869
				,,	29th	.. ..	810
Apl.	2nd	.. ..	876	Nov.	5th	.. ..	826
,,	9th	.. ..	790	,,	12th	.. ..	759
,,	16th	.. ..	484	,,	19th	.. ..	868
,,	23rd	.. ..	826	,,	26th	.. ..	967
,,	30th	.. ..	795				
May	7th	.. ..	682	Dec.	3rd	.. ..	811
,,	14th	.. ..	721	,,	10th	.. ..	803
,,	21st	.. ..	673	,,	17th	.. ..	771
,,	28th	.. ..	657	,,	24th	.. ..	795
				,,	31st	.. ..	711
June	4th	.. ..	584				
,,	11th	.. ..	567				
,,	18th	.. ..	550				
,,	25th	.. ..	566				
July	2nd	.. ..	500				
,,	9th	.. ..	414				
,,	16th	.. ..	493				
,,	23rd	.. ..	611				
,,	30th	.. ..	577				
						Average weekly	834

INCIDENCE OF SICKNESS

WORKING POPULATION OF STOCKPORT



APPENDIX

The following Tables have been extracted from the 1961 Census County Report for Cheshire by permission of the Controller of H. M. Stationery Office.

Acreage, Population, Private Households and Dwellings

Area	Population						Private Households and Dwellings, 1961				Density of occupation
	1951	1961	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Rooms occupied	Persons per room	Rooms occupied	Persons per room	
	Acreage			Males	Females	Persons per acre					
	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	n
*STOCKPORT C.B.	8,440	141,801	142,543	67,707	74,836	16.9	48,671	140,057	48,299	224,988	0.63
Wards:											
*No. 1 Portwood	798	6,074	11,927	5,706	6,221	14.9	3,681	11,868	3,681	15,370	0.78
No. 2 St. Mary's	195	5,926	4,251	2,009	2,242	21.8	1,475	4,028	1,470	6,408	0.63
No. 3 Vernon	703	8,343	7,923	3,906	4,017	11.3	2,684	7,775	2,678	12,099	0.65
No. 4 Hempshaw Lane	216	5,501	4,582	2,208	2,374	21.2	1,680	4,538	1,673	7,126	0.64
No. 5 St. Thomas'	148	6,207	4,573	2,192	2,381	30.9	1,557	4,105	1,543	6,239	0.67
No. 6 Cale Green	175	7,227	6,240	2,903	3,337	35.7	2,369	6,152	2,318	11,035	0.57
No. 7 Heaviley	1,035	10,217	10,497	4,951	5,546	10.1	3,632	10,350	3,618	17,762	0.59
No. 8 Davenport	614	8,797	9,014	4,044	4,970	14.7	2,861	8,339	2,828	14,516	0.59
No. 9 Shaw Heath	363	9,253	8,737	4,151	4,586	24.1	2,874	8,663	2,869	12,699	0.69
No. 10 Edgeley	240	6,862	6,255	2,897	3,358	26.1	2,348	6,178	2,328	10,856	0.58
No. 11 Hollywood	344	9,668	9,170	4,393	4,777	26.7	3,104	9,170	3,101	14,039	0.66
No. 12 Heaton Lane	413	6,341	6,181	2,999	3,182	15.0	2,123	6,174	2,093	9,615	0.65
No. 13 Heaton Norris Sth.	665	7,913	8,078	3,721	4,357	12.1	2,838	7,935	2,787	15,106	0.53
No. 14 Heaton Norris Nth.	697	6,823	7,942	3,680	4,262	11.4	2,695	7,681	2,609	14,718	0.53
No. 15 Old Road	245	6,310	5,150	2,445	2,705	21.0	1,958	5,093	1,939	8,032	0.64
No. 16 Lancashire Hill	177	5,753	5,174	2,490	2,684	29.2	1,911	5,167	1,895	8,410	0.62
No. 17 Reddish South	829	11,863	13,513	6,537	6,976	16.3	4,567	13,505	4,565	21,146	0.64
No. 18 Reddish North	583	12,723	13,336	6,475	6,861	22.9	4,314	13,336	4,304	19,812	0.68

N.B. * Change of boundaries since 1951.

Age and Marital Condition

STOCKPORT, C.B.

Age last birthday (five year groups)	Persons	Males						Females		
		Total	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Total	Single	Married	Widowed
Total	142,543	67,707	28,365	36,982	2,060	300	74,836	28,167	37,504	8,631
Widowed	10,691	2,060	-	-	-	-	8,631	-	-	-
Divorced	834	300	-	-	-	-	534	-	-	-
0 - 4	11,199	5,744	5,744	-	-	-	5,455	5,455	-	-
5 - 9	10,014	5,172	5,172	-	-	-	4,842	4,842	-	-
10 - 14	11,462	5,848	5,848	-	-	-	5,614	5,614	-	-
15 - 19	9,288	4,623	4,564	59	-	-	4,665	4,360	303	2
20 - 24	8,477	4,095	2,643	1,447	1	4	4,382	1,680	2,696	1
25 - 29	8,550	4,254	1,078	3,160	3	13	4,296	556	3,708	7
30 - 34	9,023	4,553	718	3,796	17	22	4,470	414	3,981	23
35 - 39	9,760	4,908	550	4,284	18	56	4,852	422	4,281	65
40 - 44	9,014	4,328	370	3,893	19	46	4,686	436	4,048	128
45 - 49	10,266	4,900	377	4,410	61	52	5,366	560	4,433	290
50 - 54	10,784	5,166	391	4,600	128	47	5,618	692	4,358	481
55 - 59	9,775	4,550	279	4,085	157	29	5,225	767	3,586	820
60 - 64	7,986	3,496	219	3,033	230	14	4,490	692	2,649	1,113
65 - 69	6,263	2,465	178	1,984	290	13	3,798	605	1,739	1,435
70 - 74	4,754	1,704	108	1,224	370	2	3,050	450	1,045	1,549
75 - 79	3,306	1,116	83	668	363	2	2,190	336	487	1,358
80 - 84	1,815	538	34	265	239	-	1,277	198	156	921
85 - 89	663	206	8	63	135	-	457	66	32	359
90 - 94	126	38	-	11	27	-	88	18	2	68
95 and over	18	3	1	-	-	15	2	-	-	11

SECTION II

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF
THE AREA

SECTION II

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

(a) (i) Water

The Water supply of Stockport is provided by the Stockport and District Water Board which took over from Stockport Corporation on 1st April 1962, and has a statutory area of supply of approximately 79 square miles.

The areas supplied with water are as follows :-

Stockport County Borough

Alderley Edge U.D.C.

Bredbury & Romiley U.D.C.

Cheadle & Gatley U.D.C.

Hazel Grove & Bramhall U.D.C.

Marple U.D.C.

New Mills U.D.C.

Whaley Bridge U.D.C.

Wilmslow U.D.C.

Disley R.D.C.

The water supply of the area and its several parts has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Bacteriological examinations were made monthly of the raw water and weekly of the treated water going into supply, the results being satisfactory.

The raw water, deriving as it does from upland sources, tends to contain organic acids in small amounts, but potential plumbo-solvent action in the distribution system is completely prevented by treating the raw water with lime at the water purification plants. The treated water has a pH value of about 7.9 and so has no plumbo-solvent action.

The water is stored in impounding reservoirs, treated by mechanical filtration plant and subsequently chlorinated.

The estimated population supplied within the statutory area of the Board is 312,780.

48,227 dwellinghouses with a population of 142,740 are supplied from public water mains direct to the houses within the Borough. No domestic supplies are given by standpipe.

WATER SUPPLY - CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

(The index to columns A, B, C and D, is given below)

	Source A	Source B	Source C	Source D
	Parts per Million	Parts per Million	Parts per Million	Parts per Million
Reaction pH value	7.56	7.58	6.88	7.58
Colour p.p.m. platinum	6	10	11	6
Turbidity p.p.m. Silica Scale	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.2
Free Acidity as CO_2	1.5	2.0	3.0	2.4
Free Alkalinity as CaCO_3	NIL	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Alkalinity as CaCO_3	12.8	16.4	6.8	17.8
Carbonate Hardness as CaCO_3	13	16	7	18
Non-carbonate Hardness as CaCO_3	28	32	37	50
Total Hardness as CaCO_3	41	48	44	68
Chlorides as Cl_2	12.0	13.0	15.0	16.5
Nitrates as N_2	0.40	0.32	0.16	0.20
Nitrites as N_2	0.002	0.002	0.008	0.002
Ammoniacal Nitrogen as N_2	0.033	0.020	0.186	0.010
Albuminoid Nitrogen as N_2	0.029	0.048	0.052	0.056
Oxygen absorbed test, 4 hours at 27 C	0.50	0.84	0.58	0.67
Manganese as Mn	0.04	0.05	0.12	0.12
Silica as SiO_2	6.4	5.4	5.6	4.6
Alumina as Al_2O_3	0.26	0.27	0.58	0.11
Lead as Pb, taken up in second 24 hrs.	0.20	0.45	0.44	0.28
Fluoride as F	0.12	0.17	0.08	0.09

SOURCE A. - Kinder Supply. Filtered water taken from Tap in Venturi Meter Chamber, Kinder Treatment Works.

SOURCE B. - Goyt Valley Main Supply. Filtered water taken from Tap on Main Outlet, Goyt Treatment Works.

SOURCE C. - Bulk supply from Manchester Corporation, taken from Tap in Denton Meter House.

SOURCE D. - Lyme Park Supply. Filtered water taken from Tap on Main Outlet, Lyme Park Treatment Works.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage

The whole of the property in the developed areas of the borough are sewered with the exception of those in the Offerton Road area which at present are on septic tanks, but some of the old main branch sewers are overloaded in the time of heavy storm, especially the Adswood High Level Sewer and the Reddish Outfall Sewer. The main trunk sewers in the town centre and the outfall to the sewage purification works are adequate.

In view of the increased dry weather flow over the last few years, the present sewage purification works are barely of sufficient capacity to give a regularly satisfactory effluent. The time is approaching when consideration will have to be given to installing additional clarifiers, aeration units and sludge drying beds.

I am indebted to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor for the following details of work carried out during the year.

Number of back passages paved and sewered	..	..	Nil
Length of sewers laid	..	..	2652 yards.

(b) Rivers and Streams.

Two lengths of Black Brook in Heaton Mersey were culverted during the year and a number of other flood relief schemes are planned for 1964.

(c) (i) Closet Accommodation

The number of W.C.s erected in new houses during the year was 393.

(ii) Public Cleansing

No Change.

At the end of 1963, there were the following sanitary appliances :-

Ashbins	..	..	..	..	..	..	60207
Ashpits	..	..	..	..	..	..	-

(iii) Shops Acts

Summary of Work under the Shops Act, 1950

Number of Shops on the Register	..	..	..	2775
Number of visits for all Purposes	..	..	..	1418
Notices Served :				
Preliminary	..	..	..	33
Statutory	..	..	..	Nil

Notices Complied with :

Preliminary	..	..	..	..	..	26
Statutory	..	..	..	..	..	Nil

Notices Outstanding :

Preliminary	..	..	..	..	..	193
Statutory	..	..	..	..	..	Nil

Nature of Work Complied with :

Renewals and Repairs to Sanitary Accommodation	..	..	..	..	5
General Drainage and Repairs	..	..	..	..	8
Premises Cleansed	..	..	..	..	12
Ash Bins Renewed	..	..	..	..	6
Prescribed Forms obtained and displayed	..	..	..	..	10

Additional Facilities Required and Provided :

Sanitary Accommodation	..	..	..	..	4
Washing Facilities	..	..	..	..	13
Ventilation and Temperature	..	..	..	..	7
Facilities for Meals	..	..	..	..	3
Lighting	..	..	..	..	2

(iv) Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933

The listed sellers on the Register under the above Act is 192.

During the year 91 inspections of these premises were made.

(v) Swimming Baths and Pools

Samples of swimming bath water are taken regularly from the Public Baths and also from a private swimming pool by the Public Health Inspectors, and during the year 35 samples were taken. The results of the samples have shown that the bath water has been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

(vi) Eradication of Bed Bugs

During the year 10 Corporation houses were found to be infested with bugs. All the houses were treated with D.D.T. or other insecticide.

In the case of rehousing of families into Corporation houses, the furniture and bedding from 251 houses were disinfested.

In the case of privately-owned houses 7 cases of bug infestation were investigated and treated with D.D.T. or other insecticide.

(vii) Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Byelaws or Regulations

COMMON LODGING HOUSES. There is 1 Common Lodging House in the Borough to which 9 visits were paid during the year.

BAKERHOUSES. There are 84 bakehouses (none of which is underground), to which 69 visits were made in the course of the year.

OFFENSIVE TRADES. There are in the Borough 8 premises in which one or other of the offensive trades is carried on, and 6 visits were made to these premises during the year.

FAIRS AND WAKES AND TRAVELLING VANS. In connection with fairs and vans, 5 visits to caravans used as dwelling houses were made.

(viii) Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

7,528 visits were made under the above Act, advice and assistance was given to the persons concerned as to the safest means of destruction in the various cases. It is known that a large number of rats was destroyed.

Number of premises inspected	..	..	..	5581
Number of visits	..	..	..	7528
Number of premises found infested	..	..	..	842
Number of premises treated	..	..	..	750
Number of block control schemes	..	..	..	294
Number of notices served	..	..	..	-
Legal proceedings taken	..	..	..	-

(ix) Rag Flocks and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

7 visits were made to works using filling materials. 6 samples were taken and were found to be satisfactory.

(x) Smoke Abatement

A total of 196 smoke observations and visits to boiler plants have been made during the year and advice and assistance has been given where necessary. Improved or additional boiler plant has been installed at several industrial and commercial premises in the borough.

There were no prosecutions during the year in respect of the emission of excessive smoke.

During the year the measurement of air pollution by instruments giving a daily measurement of smoke and sulphur dioxide has been continued. The instruments are sited in the following premises and the type of area represented is also given.

Town Hall Annexe, John Street (Commercial)
 Alexandra Park School (Smoke Control Area)
 Fylde Lodge School (low density residential)
 Houldsworth School (high density residential)
 North Western Gas Board Depot, Marsland Street (Industrial)

During the year a fifth area in Cheadle Heath/Brinksway came into operation on the 1st December 1963. A sixth area (Edgeley/Northgate) and a seventh area (Edgeley/Grenville) have been submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for confirmation. The detailed survey in respect of an eighth area (Edgeley/Hollywood) is in progress.

Plan for Smoke Control (1962 - 1966)

The following programme for the establishment of smoke control areas in the Borough for the period 1962 - 1966 is included in the publication 'Smoke Control (England & Wales)' issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Year	Premises	Dwellings	Acreage
1962	3026	2935	440
1963	3509	3215	261
1964	2269	1995	388
1965	2713	2671	498
1966	2174	2157	347

The following statistics provided by the Chief Public Health Inspector indicates the concentration of smoke and sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere for the period August, 1962 - July, 1963.

MONTH	Commercial Area No. 5		Industrial Area No. 6		Residential Area High Population Density No. 7		Residential Area Low Population Density No. 8		Smoke Control Area No. 9	
	Smoke	Sulphur Dioxide	Smoke	Sulphur Dioxide	Smoke	Sulphur Dioxide	Smoke	Sulphur Dioxide	Smoke	Sulphur Dioxide
AUGUST	209	131	116	152	101	95	-	-	-	-
SEPTEMBER	262	184	168	197	187	143	132	116	185	82
OCTOBER	344	-	-	-	308	240	252	201	270	139
NOVEMBER	505	454	382	371	406	363	393	374	458	330
DECEMBER	455	429	500	459	428	436	387	424	456	280
JANUARY	439	646	457	499	446	588	400	580	461	418
FEBRUARY	-	-	311	338	374	345	330	331	374	281
MARCH	267	289	225	300	203	207	184	176	213	185
APRIL	218	228	-	-	199	174	155	154	184	104
MAY	186	191	-	-	113	122	65	85	94	59
JUNE	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	101	66	88
JULY	157	142	-	-	-	-	97	103	68	85

(d) Schools

Internal lavatories were provided at St. Johns Church of England School, Heaton Mersey and also in the process of construction at Heaton Moor Infants School.

Hot water facilities to the hand basins were provided at St. Matthews School, Edgeley.

(e) Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948

Action was taken for the compulsory removal to suitable premises of 3 persons considered to be in need of care and attention. A number of other cases were brought to the notice of this authority and investigated. In certain cases the persons concerned were persuaded to accept institutional care, other cases were referred to the Welfare Officer.

(f) District Public Health Inspectors' Work

INSPECTIONS MADE AND NUISANCES FOUND :

TOTAL INSPECTIONS MADE (all purposes)	..	..	..	19594
Total individual properties inspected (all purposes)	..	..	..	13797
Housing Inspections (under P.H.A.)	..	..	..	8633
Total individual properties inspected	..	..	..	1023
Other Inspections (under P.H.A.)	..	..	..	1354
Courts and Yards	..	..	..	133
Dry Ashpits and Dustbins	..	..	..	60
Drainage	..	..	..	2774
Water Closets	..	..	..	1130
Water Courses	..	..	..	23
Miscellaneous Inspections	..	..	..	1122
Inspections for Infectious Diseases	..	..	..
Total Inspections and visits..	..	..	..	144
Total houses visited	..	..	..	124
Houses disinfected )	..	..	..	-
Schools, etc., disinfected)				
COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	2967
NUISANCES FOUND	1603

NUISANCES ABATED (total)	820
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WATER CLOSETS, ETC.:

Water Closets cleansed (by owners)	Nil
Water Closets cleansed (by occupiers)	Nil
Water Closet Pedestals, etc., renewed or repaired				..		82
Water Supply Pipes or Cisterns to Water Closets repaired	..					187
Water Courses Cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dustbins renewed	..	..	..	..	..	3200
Houses Cleansed, Re-papered, or Lime-washed	..			..		Nil
Sink Waste Pipes Renewed or Repaired	..		..	..	..	35
Downspouts or Eaves Gutters Renewed or Repaired	..			..		64
Houses Drains Tested	..	..	..	..	..	151
Houses Drains and Drains to Water Closets Reconstructed or Repaired	..	..	..	..	..	122
Gully Traps Fixed	..	..	..	..	..	1
Soilpipes and Ventilating Shafts Erected or Repaired				..		14
Yards, Courts or Passages Drained or Drains Repaired				..		6
Yards, Courts or Passages Paved or Repaired	..			..		1
Yards, Courts or Passages Cleansed by Occupiers	..			..		2
Animals Improperly Kept - Removed	..		..	..		2
Accumulations Removed	..	..	..	..	..	46
Houses where Structural Repairs have been carried out				..		285
Miscellaneous Nuisances	..	..	..	..	..	46

NOTICES SERVED :

Preliminary	..	..	..	..	..	..	872
Statutory	..	..	..	..	..	..	250
January 1st, 1963 Statutory Notices outstanding	..				..		275
December 31st 1963, Statutory Notices outstanding					..		204

NOTICES COMPLIED WITH :

Preliminary	..	..	..	..	..	..	673
Statutory	..	..	..	..	..	..	321

Premises (1)	M/c Line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Inspections (4)	Number of Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
				Written Notices (5)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	43	4	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	-	779	140	10	1
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	43	5	2	-
Total	-	865	149	12	-

FACTORIES ACT - *Continued*

2 - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND :-

Particulars	M/c Line No. (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
		Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred (4)	
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	-
Overcrowding (S. 2)	-
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	-
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6)	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7)					
(a) insufficient	1	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	4	2
(c) not separate for sexes	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	11	6
Total	17	8	10
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PART VIII OF THE ACT
OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	SECTION 110		SECTION 111				
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served Prosecutions			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
<i>Making, etc.</i>							
<i>Wearing apparel</i>	51	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cleaning, washing</i>							
Total	51	-	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION III

HOUSING

SECTION III
Housing

(a) New Houses

I give below particulars of the houses built or in the course of building at the end of the year :-

No. of houses erected during the year ended 31st December, 1963 by private enterprise.....	277
No. of houses in course of erection by private enterprise on the 31st December, 1963.....	109
No. of houses erected by the Corporation during the year ended 31st December, 1963.....	116
No. of houses in course of erection by the Corporation, 31st December, 1963.....	805

(b) Ward Distribution of New Houses

Number of houses erected in the various Wards of the Borough during the year ended 31st December, 1963.

<i>Ward</i>	<i>Private Enterprise</i>	<i>Corporation</i>	<i>Total</i>
Portwood	No. 1.	-	49
St. Mary's	,, 2.	-	-
Vernon	,, 3.	3	-
Hempshaw Lane	,, 4.	2	10
St. Thomas's	,, 5.	39	-
Cale Green	,, 6.	7	-
Heaviley	,, 7.	48	-
Davenport	,, 8.	10	12
Shaw Heath	,, 9.	-	-
Edgeley	,, 10.	-	-
Hollywood	,, 11.	-	4
Heaton Lane	,, 12.	65	-
Heaton Norris South	,, 13.	1	14
Heaton Norris North	,, 14.	51	-
Old Road	,, 15.	-	-
Lancashire Hill	,, 16.	3	-
Reddish South	,, 17.	21	29
Reddish North	,, 18.	27	-

<i>Totals</i>	<hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <u>277</u>	<hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <u>116</u>	<hr style="border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <u>393</u>
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(c) Number of houses built by the Corporation and
 Private Enterprise during the last few years

NUMBER OF HOUSES COMPLETED

Year	<i>By Private Enterprise</i>	<i>By Corporation</i>	<i>Total</i>
1955	361	413	774
1956	238	285	523
1957	248	205	453
1958	177	346	523
1959	213	433	646
1960	258	376	634
1961	303	306	609
1962	235	196	431
1963	277	116	393
	<hr/> 2310 <hr/>	<hr/> 2676 <hr/>	<hr/> 4986 <hr/>

(d) TYPES OF HOUSES BUILT BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY DURING 1963

Site	A.5 Non- Parlour 5 Bed- rooms	A.4 Non- Parlour 4 Bed- rooms	B.4	B.3	B.2	A.2	A.1	Flats			Bungalows		Temporary Houses		Total	
								A.4	A.3	A.2	A.1	Non- Parlour 1 Bed- room	Non- Parlour 2 Bed- rooms	Non- Parlour 3 Bed- rooms	Non- Parlour 4 Bed- rooms	
Brinnington Con. 54.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Brinnington Con. 56.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	5
Brinnington Con. 57.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	10
Brinnington Con. 61.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	7
Brinnington Con. 62.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	7
Liverpool Street.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	8
Victoria Park Con. 101.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	8
Farmers Lane.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	12
Hoylake Road.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	4
Frodsham Avenue.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	14
Canal Bridge Con. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	21
TOTALS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	116

Information in respect of the years from 1920 - 1962 is contained in the Annual Report for 1962

(e) Work Undertaken in the Borough

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year				1962	1963
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	..	..	6774	5906
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	..	..	..	11,846	11,779
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932)	..	..	..	487	336
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	..	..	..	1,751	1,342
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.				556	397
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive to those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..	..	..	..	1,443	1,122
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices					
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers .. .. .. .. .. ..	..	..	..	651	442
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year					
A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957					
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs .. .. .. .. .. ..	..	..	..	-	-
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices .. .. .. .. .. ..	..	..	..	-	-
(a) By owners .. .. .. .. .. ..	..	..	..	-	-
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners .. .. .. .. .. ..	..	..	..	-	-
B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts					
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .. .. ..	..	..	..	146	278
Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices .. .. .. .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..
(a) By Owners .. .. .. .. .. ..	..	..	..	115	158
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners .. .. .. .. .. ..	..	..	..	15	67
C. Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957					
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .. .. .. .. .. ..	..	..	..	30	40

(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	..	..	..	..	..	1962	1963
							67	52
(3)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	..	..	..	..	..	26	24
(4)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	..	..	..	..	..	-	-

(f) Housing Act, 1957 - Overcrowding

(a)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	128	125
..	.. families therein	239	236
..	.. persons dwelling therein (equivalent number of adults)	1,076	1,059
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	12	3
(c)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	6	6
	Number of persons concerned in such cases (equivalent number of adults)	30	34
(d)	Number of cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Corporation had taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	..	..

(g) Slum Clearance

The East Street Compulsory Purchase Order, 1961, involving 140 unfit houses and 17 other lands was confirmed by the Minister with minor modifications.

The Georges Road Compulsory Purchase Order, 1962, involving 242 unfit houses and 8 other lands was confirmed by the Minister with minor modifications.

A Public Enquiry was held by the Minister in regard to the Lancashire Hill Compulsory Purchase Order, 1962, involving 237 unfit properties and 52 other lands.

The Daw Bank Compulsory Purchase Order, 1963, involving 3 clearance areas and comprising 84 unfit properties and 45 grey lands, was made and submitted to the Minister for confirmation.

The Lomas Street Clearance Area, 1963, involving 121 unfit houses was made and is awaiting embodiment in a Compulsory Purchase Order.

Action was also taken under Part II of the Housing Act, 1957, to secure the closing or demolition of 64 individual unfit houses in various parts of the Borough.

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APPENDIX (A)

RENT ACT, 1957 - STATISTICAL TABLE

The present position with regard to the issue and cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair is as follows :-

Application for Certificates of Disrepair

			Year 1963	Total 1957-63
(1) Number of applications for Certificates	..	..	13	928
(2) Number of decisions not to issue Certificates	..	..	7	550
(3) Number of decisions to issue Certificates	..	..	5	376
(a) In respect of some but not all defects	..	..	2	197
(b) In respect of all defects	..	..	3	179
(4) Number of undertakings given by landlord under Paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	..	..	7	520
(5) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to Paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	..	..	Nil	Nil
(6) Number of Certificates issued	..	..	5	376
(7) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for Cancellation of Certificates	..	..	4	367
(8) Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificate	..	..	3	139
(9) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objection	..	..	1	10
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	..	..	2	204
(11) Applications by tenants for certificates as to the remedying of defects which landlord has undertaken to remedy	..	..	..	Nil
				24
(12) Application by landlords for Certificates as to the remedying of defects which landlord has undertaken to remedy	..	..	..	97

APPENDIX (B)

Orders made under the provisions of the Housing Acts

Period November 1955 to December 1963

Name of Order	Date Order Made	No. of Houses	Date of Confirmation
Mosley Street C.P.O. 1956	7. 2. 56	128	26. 11. 56
Heaton Lane (No. 1) C.O. 1956	5. 6. 56	36	18. 10. 56
Marsland Street C.O. 1956	7. 8. 56	5	15. 11. 56
Heald Street C.P.O. 1956	7. 8. 56	70	11. 2. 57
Bowden Street C.O. 1956 (originally part of Mosley Street C.P.O. 1956)	7. 2. 56	6	26. 11. 56
Newton Street, C.P.O. 1956	4. 9. 56	84	28. 5. 57
Booth Street (No. 1) C.P.O. 1956	4. 9. 56	2	25. 6. 57
Booth Street (No. 2) C.P.O. 1956	4. 9. 56	9	25. 2. 57
Booth Street (No. 3) C.P.O. 1956	4. 9. 56	5	19. 2. 57
Temple Bar C.P.O. 1957	27. 3. 57	10	28. 6. 57
King Street West (No. 1) C.O. 1957	8. 1. 57	4	27. 6. 57
King Street West (No. 2) C.P.O. 1957	5. 3. 57	19	19. 8. 57
King Street West (No. 3) C.P.O. 1957	5. 2. 57	39	25. 7. 57
Richard Street C.P.O. 1957	5. 11. 57	10	2. 5. 58
Back Water Street C.P.O. 1957	5. 11. 57	29	1. 7. 58
Bakewell Street C.P.O. 1957	5. 3. 57	31	25. 6. 57
Avenue Street C.P.O. 1957	5. 11. 57	27	1. 7. 58
Heaton Lane C.P.O. 1957	5. 11. 57	10	26. 6. 58
Brady Street C.P.O. 1958	6. 5. 58	23	15. 1. 59
Gt. Portwood St. (No. 1) C.P.O. 1958	6. 5. 58	12	15. 1. 59
Gt. Portwood St. (No. 2) C.P.O. 1958	6. 5. 58	11	15. 1. 59
Howard Street C.P.O. 1958	1. 4. 58	22	15. 1. 59
John Street C.P.O. 1958	1. 7. 58	40	18. 2. 59
Liverpool Street C.P.O. 1958	5. 8. 58	3	28. 1. 59
Howard Street C.O. 1958	5. 8. 58	4	5. 9. 58
Gt. Portwood St. (No. 3) C.P.O. 1959	7. 4. 59	146	7. 4. 60
Gt. Portwood St. (No. 4) C.P.O. 1959	7. 4. 59	6	13. 8. 59
Lancaster St. (No. 1) C.P.O. 1959	7. 4. 59	16	9. 4. 60
Lancaster St. (No. 2) C.P.O. 1959	7. 4. 59	7	7. 4. 60
Lord Street C.P.O. 1959	7. 4. 59	128	29. 6. 60
Crowther Street C.P.O.	7. 4. 59	33	21. 8. 59
Heaton Lane (No. 2) C.P.O. 1959	3. 11. 59	4	13. 9. 60
Heaton Lane (No. 3) C.P.O. 1959	3. 11. 59.	17	13. 9. 60
Heaton Lane (No. 4) C.P.O. 1959	1. 12. 59.	45	12. 9. 60
London Square C.P.O. 1959	1. 12. 59.	8	18. 1. 61
High Bank Side C.P.O. 1959	3. 11. 59	51	13. 9. 60

<i>Name of Order</i>	<i>Date Order Made</i>	<i>No. of Houses</i>	<i>Date of Confirmation</i>
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Bridgefield St. C. P. O. 1960	2. 2. 60	228	6. 4. 61
Mottram Street C.O. 1960	4. 10. 60	6	2. 5. 61
Edward Street C.O. 1960	4. 10. 60	2	3. 3. 61
Mottram Street C.P.O. 1960	4. 10. 60	257	4. 8. 61
Wharf Street (No. 1) C.O. 1961	1. 8. 61	6	7. 6. 62
Wharf Street (No. 2) C.O. 1961	1. 8. 61	8	14. 6. 62
Beard Street C.P.O. 1961	1. 8. 61	7	22. 6. 62
Ince Street C.P.O. 1961	1. 8. 61	125	22. 6. 62
Old Road (No. 1) C.P.O. 1961	1. 8. 61	190	22. 6. 62
Old Road (No. 2) C.P.O. 1961	1. 8. 61	8	22. 6. 62
East Street C.P.O. 1961	6. 3. 62	140	18. 3. 63
Lancashire Hill C.P.O. 1962	7. 5. 63	237	24. 1. 64
Georges Road C.P.O. 1962	7. 5. 63	242	27. 11. 63

SECTION IV
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION
OF FOOD

SECTION IV
Inspection and Supervision of Food

(a) MILK SUPPLY

(i) Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

There are 5 Farm Dairies and 22 other Dairies in the Borough. There are 483 licenced dealers selling graded milk in sealed bottles.

During the year 193 visits of inspection have been made to these premises.

(ii) Milk Including (special Designations) Regulations, 1949-53

During the year 269 samples of milk have been procured and tested as follows :-

<i>Tests Applied</i>	<i>Total No. of Tests</i>	<i>No. Satisfactory</i>	<i>No. Un- Satisfactory</i>
RAW MILK :			
Methylene Blue Reduction Test ..	80	67	13
HEAT TREATED MILK :			
Methylene Reduction Tests ..	76	73	3
Phosphatase Test ..	76	76	Nil
Turbidity Test ..	37	37	Nil
TOTAL ..	269	253	16

During the year 6 samples of milk were taken and examined for tuberculosis and brucellosis infection. All showed negative results of brucellosis.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

8 private slaughterhouses are being used for slaughtering purposes. In spite of a shortage of qualified Public Health Inspectors, all carcases and offals of animals slaughtered during the year have been inspected.

2,009 visits of inspection to slaughterhouses were made, as compared with 1,851 during the previous year. The total number of animals slaughtered and examined during the year was 59,118.

The vehicles used for the transport of meat have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

A total of 3,901 inspections have been made to premises used for the preparation, storage and sale of food.

462 premises are registered for the manufacture, storage, or sale of ice-cream and these have received regular supervision during the past year.

Meat is collected from all slaughterhouses by local contractors and processing is carried out under supervision.

Disposal of the other foods, including canned goods, is by tipping at the Corporation's refuse tip under the supervision of the Cleansing Department.

Special Examination of Consignments

Full details of unsound food found to be unfit for human consumption on pages 51 to 53.

Lectures on Food Hygiene

The Chief Public Health Inspector has continued to give lectures to food traders and talks on food hygiene to a number of local bodies and organisations.

Total Number of Food Premises

The total number of visits of inspection to all food premises during the year was 3,901.

The following is a summary of the unsound meat and other foods dealt with during the year.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTION AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	10,232	628	42	43,373	4,843	-
Number inspected	10,232	628	42	43,373	4,843	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	1	-	13	4	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	906	64	-	744	200	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	8.85	10.35	-	1.75	4.21	-
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	-	41	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	.04	-	-	-	.87	-
Cysticercos Bovis						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	25	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	25	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Other foods examined and found unfit for human consumption.

		Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Ham	..	..	18	1	19	12
Corned Beef	..	..	2	1	23	-
Chopped Pork	..	..		3	17	-
Ox Tongue	..	..	1	1	0	10
Lunch Tongue	..	..		2	10	-
Pork Loins	..	..	3	2	23	-
Jellied Veal	..	..		2	26	-
Pork Shoulder	..	..		1	0	15
Pork legs	..	..	1	1	20	-
Pigs Tongue	..	..			3	-
Pork Chops	..	..			19	-
Pork Sausage	..	..		3	16	-
Pork	..	..	2	1	12	8
Bacon	..	..	3	1	0	-
Gammon	..	..		3	3	10
Shin Beef	..	..	1	1	0	-
Rolled Brisket	..			1	2	-
Flank	..	..		2	14	-
Steak	..	..	2	1	2	-
Beef	..	..	14	3	17	5
N. Z. Saddle	..	..		2	18	-
Lamb	..	..	8	3	0	-
Corned Mutton	..			1	26	-
Lambs Liver & Kidneys	..			1	2	-
Lamb chops	..	..		1	16	8
Luncheon Meat	..			1	15	-
Chicken	..	12	18	1	22	8
Turkey	..	..	1	7	3	11
Cod	..	..	4	19	2	0
Hake	..	..	5	5	2	4
Halibut	..	..		5	2	9
Haddock	..	..	15	2	24	-
Salmon	..	..	5	2	4	-
Plaice	..	..	3	0	4	-
Trout	..	..	5	1	12	-
Dover Sole	..	..			20	-
Maws	..	..	5	0	20	-
Fruit	..	..	2	3	19	10
Vegetables	..	..	1	3	9	9
Mincemeat	..	..			15	-
Margarine	..	..			3	8
Butter	..	..		1	11	-
Cheese				2	20	-
Miscellaneous	..		2	-	19	4
	TOTAL	30	7	2	3	11

Other unsound or unwholesome foods surrendered
small tins, packets, etc.

			<i>Tins</i>	<i>Packets</i>	<i>Jars</i>
Meat	..	..	760	10,964	-
Fruit	..	..	1,457	61,359	-
Vegetables	..	..	1,339	55,874	-
Soups	..	..	617	60	-
Fish	..	..	274	38,103	50
Milk	..	..	141	-	-
Miscellaneous	..	..	944	120,284	94
		TOTAL	5,532	286,644	144

The increase in the amount of unsound food dealt with during the year was caused by fire damage in wholesale premises.

(c) ADULTERATION

The following tables show the percentage of adulteration compared with previous years :-

<i>Year</i>		<i>Total Samples analysed</i>	<i>Adulterated</i>	<i>Percentage Adulteration</i>
1944	..	338	14	4.14
1945	..	422	25	5.92
1946	..	426	28	6.57
1947	..	418	31	7.41
1948	..	450	22	4.88
1949	..	423	47	11.11
1950	..	431	34	7.89
1951	..	400	28	7.00
1952	..	400	34	8.50
1953	..	374	30	8.02
1954	..	359	37	10.306
1955	..	338	44	13.01
1956	..	414	37	8.94
1957	..	394	18	4.57
1958	..	386	32	8.29
1959	..	301	34	11.29
1960	..	412	23	5.58
1961	..	438	28	6.34
1962	..	427	35	8.20
1963	..	425	45	10.6

Analysis of milk samples (included in the previous table) compared with previous years :

Year	Total Samples analysed	Adulterated	Percentage Adulteration
1944	.. 79	.. 10	.. 12.65
1945	.. 159	.. 22	.. 13.83
1946	.. 145	.. 21	.. 14.48
1947	.. 128	.. 21	.. 16.4
1948	.. 119	.. 11	.. 9.24
1949	.. 167	.. 31	.. 18.56
1950	.. 212	.. 24	.. 11.32
1951	.. 202	.. 16	.. 7.92
1952	.. 195	.. 23	.. 11.79
1953	.. 151	.. 13	.. 8.61
1954	.. 153	.. 22	.. 14.379
1955	.. 174	.. 37	.. 21.26
1956	.. 198	.. 28	.. 14.14
1957	.. 139	.. 8	.. 5.76
1958	.. 139	.. 25	.. 17.98
1959	.. 146	.. 2	.. 1.4
1960	.. 155	.. 15	.. 9.7
1961	.. 98	.. 5	.. 5.10
1962	.. 118	.. 1	.. .85
1963	.. 138	.. 8	.. 5.8

(d) SHELL FISH (Molluscan)

There are no Shell Fish beds in the Borough.

(e) FERTILISING AND FEEDING STUFFS ACT

18 samples of Feeding Stuffs and 7 samples of Fertilisers were taken under the above Act during the year. One sample of fertiliser was unsatisfactory.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS DURING YEAR 1963

Offence	Result	Fine
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955		
1 Case Bottle of pale ale containing a considerable amount of mould growth	Convicted	Fined £10 Costs £3
1 case Tin of Corned Beef containing an insect	Pleaded guilty	Fined £10 Costs £2. 10. 0d.
1 Case Tin of Irish Stew containing an insect	Convicted	Fined £10 Costs £2. 10. 0d.
2 Cases Potato cakes containing mould	One case acquitted one convicted	Fined £10 Costs £3. 14. 6d.
2 Cases Cheese containing mould	One case withdrawn, one convicted	Fined £5
1 Case Steak & Kidney Pudding containing mould	Convicted	Fined £5 Costs £4. 18. 0d.
1 Case Packet of grated cheese containing mould	Pleaded guilty	Fined £10 Costs £3. 3. 0d.
1 Case Sliced loaf containing mould	Pleaded guilty	Fined £5
1 Case Sliced loaf containing mould	Pleaded guilty	Fined £10 Costs £3. 3. 0d.
1 Case Insect in sliced loaf	Pleaded guilty	Fined £10 Costs £3. 3. 0d.
1 Case Pork Pie containing mould	Pleaded guilty	Fined £15

<i>Offence</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Fine</i>
1 Case Fly in a tin of Brisling	Pleaded not guilty	Fined £10 Costs £5. 17. 0d.
1 Case Tin of Garden Peas containing a stone	Case withdrawn	-
1 Case Apple Strudel containing mould	Convicted	Fined £10 Costs £3. 3. 0d.
1 Case Malt Loaf containing mould	Pleaded not guilty	Fined £5 Costs £7. 7. 0d.
1 Case Pie containing mould	Pleaded guilty	Fined £5 Costs £3. 3. 0d.
1 Case Chicken barm cake with strong smell	Pleaded guilty	Fined £20. Costs £3. 3. 0d.
1 Case Bottle of soft drink containing insect	Pleaded guilty	Fined £3 Costs £3. 3. 0d.
1 Case Loaf containing foreign matter	Pleaded guilty	Fined £5 Costs £10. 13. 0d.

N.B. These proceedings represent the greatest number of cases in any year in which the the department and its officers have been involved.

This reflects a growing tendency on the part of the public to insist on the highest standards when purchasing foodstuffs, resulting in greater co-operation with the department when these standards are not met.

<i>Offence</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Fine</i>
PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936		
1 Case Section 93	Nuisance abated. Legal Proceedings withdrawn.	
1 Case Section 93	Nuisance abated. Legal Proceedings withdrawn.	
1 Case Section 93	Nuisance abated. Legal Proceedings withdrawn.	
1 Case Section 93	Nuisance order granted.	
FACTORIES ACT, 1961		
1 Case Section 7	Pleaded guilty.	Fined £5.

(g) ICE-CREAM VENDORS

462 premises are registered for the manufacture, storage or sale of ice-cream.

During the year 26 visits of inspection were made to ice-cream premises.

12 samples of ice-cream were submitted for chemical analysis and 18 samples for bacteriological examination.

(h) FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

Total number of outbreaks	Number of Cases	Number of Deaths	Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks of each	Foods involved with number of outbreaks of each
One	two	Nil	Causative agent not identified	Old tin of Corned Beef suspected.
One (Single case)	one	Nil	Causative agent not identified	An unspecified tinned food.

SECTION V

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER,
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

SECTION V

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases

(a) NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The total number of cases of infectious disease, including Tuberculosis, notified during 1963, was 1,192 as compared with 1,162 for 1962 and 2,180 during 1961.

Smallpox

There were no cases of smallpox notified during the year.

Scarlet Fever

26 cases were notified in 1963, as compared with 35 in 1962. No deaths were reported.

Diphtheria

For the thirteenth year in succession, no cases of Diphtheria were notified. The accompanying table shows the remarkable decline in the incidence of Diphtheria over the past few years, due in no small measure to the immunisation campaign which has been carried on continuously during this period. (See page 61 for details).

Year	Number of cases	Number of Deaths
1945	92	3
1946	25	1
1947	20	-
1948	22	-
1949	6	-
1950	3	-
1951 to 1963	Nil	Nil

Measles and Whooping Cough

1,040 cases of Measles and 32 of Whooping Cough were notified during the year, as compared with 933 and 11 respectively for 1962. One male child died of measles.

Poliomyelitis

There were no cases of poliomyelitis notified in 1963 or during 1962.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis was continued during the year for the age group 6 months to 40 years and in addition those above 40 years who by virtue of their work are brought into contact with the public.

The following vaccinations were carried out during 1963.

Completed 3 doses of Oral vaccine by Health Department.....	1,952
Completed 3 doses of Oral vaccine by General Practitioners.....	114
Completed 2nd injections (Salk) by General Practitioners.....	35

In addition 559 persons received a 3rd reinforcing dose and 3,411 children received a 4th dose either from the Health Department or their own doctor.

Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers

There were no cases of Typhoid Fever and one case of Paratyphoid Fever.

Terminal Disinfection

Terminal Disinfection in cases of infectious disease was discontinued in March, 1950, with the exception of smallpox, tuberculosis, and the enteric fevers. This has not resulted in any significant increase in the infectious disease rate. The disinfection of library books is still carried out in order to comply with Section 155 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Terminal Disinfection is also carried out in certain cases of non-infectious disease, when requested, a charge of 10s. 6d. being made, except in the case of cancer.

Food Poisoning

During 1963, 3 notifications in respect of Food Poisoning were received.

Neoplasm

343 deaths from Neoplasms were recorded during the year - 182 males and 161 females.

The following table shows the number of deaths from Neoplasms (Cancer) during the last ten years.

Cancer Deaths	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	Total
Lung (Males)	65	70	50	63	70	54	67	64	65	75	643
Lung (Females)	9	8	11	14	8	10	13	8	14	14	109
Other (Males)	90	116	116	115	117	103	104	95	103	107	1066
Other (Females)	112	140	152	160	144	148	147	139	160	147	1449
TOTAL	276	334	329	352	339	315	331	306	342	343	3267

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1963 SUMMARY

The seasonal prevalence of these various diseases is indicated in the following table which shows the notifications received in the various months of the year 1963.

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Smallpox.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric or Typhoid fever.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	2	3	2	2	4	2	1	-	3	2	4	1
Diphtheria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid fever.....	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal pyrexia.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	-	-	2	1	4
Measles.....	300	455	138	62	17	6	33	15	2	6	4	2
Whooping Cough.....	2	-	3	-	-	1	-	2	2	2	5	15
Acute Primary Pneumonia.....	3	1	8	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Malaria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	3	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary.....	4	-	1	4	-	-	1	3	3	2	3	2
Tuberculosis - Meninges C.N.S.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis - Other Forms.....	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3	1	1	2
TOTAL	1192	315	468	163	68	27	18	38	20	9	20	18
												28

(b) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The comprehensive statement overleaf shows the number of children immunised during the period 1933 - 1963.

(c) VACCINATION

In accordance with a Ministry recommendation, the Vaccination proposals under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, have been amended, to include arrangements for the vaccination and re-vaccination of certain classes of workers, as may be decided by the Authority, either in individual cases by general practitioner(s) or at specially arranged sessions.

Vaccinations and Inoculations have also been carried out by the Medical Staff of the Health Department to meet the requirements of business representatives travelling abroad on behalf of their employers.

Details of the number of vaccinations performed during 1963 are given below:-

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2-4	5-14	15 and over	Total
Vaccinated	140	114	34	60	125	473
Re-vaccinated	3	2	14	56	304	379
Totals	143	116	48	116	429	852

Number of vaccinations or re-vaccinations performed by General Medical Practitioners 450

Number of vaccinations or re-vaccinations performed at Infant Welfare Centres, etc. 402

In addition, the undermentioned inoculations were also performed by the Medical Staff of the Health Department.

T. A. B. Vaccine 179

Cholera Vaccine 59

The total amount of fees paid to Medical Practitioners in respect of vaccinations performed during 1963 was £107. 15s. 0d.

The arrangements for vaccinations are the same as in previous years.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Persons Inoculated each year from 1933 - 1963

Total number immunised
from 1933 to 1953

Age in years on 31st December of the corresponding year.																	
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1-																	
2-																	
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Totals of N.C. & reinforcing doses																	
GRAND TOTAL EACH YEAR																	
N.C. New Cases																	
P.I. Previously Immunised (Reinforcing Doses)																	
* Triple Antigen																	
DIPH/TET.																	

GRAND TOTAL OF CHILDREN IMMUNISED, 1933 - 1963

New Cases 61,785

Reinforcing Doses 48,430

GRAND TOTAL 110,215

(d) TUBERCULOSIS

PART I - Summary of notifications of Tuberculosis during the period from the 1st January, 1963 to the 31st December, 1963, in the County Borough of Stockport

PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1952

PART II - New cases of Tuberculosis coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the period from the 1st January, 1963, to the 31st December, 1963 otherwise than by formal notification

PART III - Notification Register

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Number of cases of Tuberculosis remaining at the 31st December, 1963 on the Register of Notifications kept by the Medical Officer of Health.	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Cases 1356
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
590	451	1041	148	167	315	315	
Number of cases removed from the Register during the year by reason <i>inter alia</i> of :							
1. Withdrawal of notification.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2. Recovery from the disease.....	19	20	39	1	1	2	41
3. Deaths (All Causes).....	9	4	13	-	-	-	13
4. Outward Transfers.....	8	8	16	-	-	-	16
5. Otherwise (Lost sight of, etc.)	4	-	4	-	-	-	4

(e) BURIAL OF UNCLAIMED BODIES

In May, 1958, the responsibility for this service was transferred to the Welfare Department. The Hospital Management Committee has power to arrange and pay for the funerals of unclaimed bodies, where such deaths occur in hospital.

(f) WELFARE OF THE BLIND

The Council's responsibility under the provisions of the National Assistance Act, 1948, for the Welfare of the Blind is exercised through the Welfare Committee, under a scheme approved by the Minister of Health on the 27th May, 1949.

The number of blind and partially-sighted persons on the register in the Borough on the 31st December, 1963 was 248 and 42 respectively. All persons before registration are examined and certified to be blind or partially-sighted by an ophthalmologist of consultant status.

Blind persons are taught to read books in Braille and Moon Type by two Home Teachers who have passed the examination of the College of Teachers of the Blind. These teachers, appointed by the Welfare Committee, also assist blind persons in pastime occupations and generally help to promote their welfare.

Stockport participates in a placement service organised by the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Since the 1st October, 1963, however the Ministry of Labour has assumed responsibility for this service. Blind Persons Resettlement Officers have been appointed and they will work in close collaboration with the Disabllement Resettlement Officers of the Local Office of the Ministry. Under this scheme the capabilities of each blind person are assessed and suitable cases are referred to an appropriate centre for re-habilitiation followed by a course of industrial training. In co-operation with the Officers of the Local Authority's Welfare Department the Blind Persons Resettlement Officer will classify the person as suitable for open industry or sheltered employment. Persons in open industry become self reliant and self supporting.

For those less capable, employment in special workshops is found. The Welfare Services Department has workshops at 7, St. Petersgate, Stockport, and 27 persons are employed.

The earnings of these workers are augmented up to a reasonable standard by the Welfare Committee, in accordance with the recommendations of the Local Authority's Advisory Committee on the conditions of service of blind workers.

The main trades are those of Brush and Basket making, but Chair Seating, Knitwear are also carried on. Door mats and a variety of other articles are obtainable from the shop.

Facilities are available for blind persons to carry out work in their own homes.

The general social welfare of the blind is provided directly by the Welfare Committee or by arrangements with the various local and national organisations. Blind persons are assisted and encouraged to make use of any general and preventive medical treatment which they may require. Embossed literature is provided.

Social and handicraft classes are held and a special chiropody and domestic help service is provided.

The following table, prepared in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 2/54, dated 22nd January, 1954, gives details of the incidence and follow-up of blind and partially-sighted persons in the Borough during 1963.

Newly Registered Blind Persons.....	30
Newly Registered Partially-sighted Persons.....	13
Total.....	43

A. Follow-up of Registered Blind and Partially-sighted Persons

(1) Number of Cases registered during the year in respect of which para. 7(c) of Forms B.D.8 recommends :-	Cause of Disability				Total
	Cataract	Glaucoma	Retrolental Fibroplasia	Others	
(a) No treatment	7	6	1	19	33
(b) Treatment (medical, surgical or optical)	7	2	-	2	11
(2) Number of Cases at (1) (b) above which on follow-up action have received treatment	3	2	-	1	6

B. Ophthalmia Neonatorum

(1) Total number of cases notified during the year .....	..	..	-
(2) Number of cases in which -			
(a) Vision lost .....	..	..	-
(b) Vision impaired .....	..	..	-
(c) Treatment continuing at end of year .....	..	..	-

SECTION VI

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

SECTION VI
Maternity and Child Welfare

(A) GENERAL

(a) Notification of Births

3,668 births were notified. This number of notifications shows an increase of 35 on those for 1962. The following table shows where these births occurred :-

<i>Place of Birth</i>		<i>Borough Cases</i>	<i>Cases outside Borough</i>	<i>Total</i>
INSTITUTIONAL CONFINEMENTS				
Stepping Hill Hospital	..	1,316	1,118	2,434
Nursing Homes	..	77	86	163
	Total ..	<u>1,393</u>	<u>1,204</u>	<u>2,597</u>

HOME CONFINEMENTS

Municipal Midwives	..	1,058	12	1,070
Independent Midwives	..	-	-	-
Doctors' cases with Maternity Nurses	..	1	-	1
Other Persons	..	-	-	-
	Total ..	<u>1,059</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1,071</u>
	Combined Total	2,452	1,216	3,668
	Plus Inward Transfers	179		179
	Grand Total	<u>2,631</u>		<u>3,847</u>

(b) Still-Births

The number of still-births registered belonging to the Borough was 64 of which 63 were legitimate and 1 illegitimate.

(c) Maternal Deaths

There was one maternal death during 1963.

(d) Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics

11 combined Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics are held weekly at the following centres :

Ponsonby House
Cheadle Heath
Reddish South
Adsworth
Great Moor
Heaton Chapel
Heaton Norris
Brinnington
North Reddish

The attendances of patients at these Clinics are as follows :

1,889 expectant mothers made 10,565 attendances at the Ante-Natal Clinics as compared with 1,640 and 12,013 in 1962.

These figures do not include women attending at the Stepping Hill Hospital Clinics.

(e) Health Visitors

Though no individual Health Visitor is attached to a particular General Practitioner, or group practice, in the town, the Health Visitors are acquainted with the doctors, who serve the areas in which they work, and co-operation has been maintained.

Health Visitors feel free to call on doctors or get in touch with them by telephone when difficulties arise, and the General Practitioners know that the Health Visitors are ready to assist with any family, or families, whose problems they feel can be relieved by such assistance.

Such co-operation has been of particular use in the case of the increasing number of elderly people in need of help and supervision and also of young mothers with domestic or infant feeding problems.

There is a close liaison between the Hospital almoners and the Health Visitors.

Health Visitors are informed when patients requiring supervision are to be discharged from hospital, and are also frequently asked to visit the patient's home prior to discharge to discuss arrangements for his care on return there.

In the case of elderly people, fortnightly case conferences are held, which are attended by the Consultant Geriatrician, The Superintendent of the Home Nurses, The Superintendent Health Visitor, The Almoner concerned and a representative of the Welfare Services Department to discuss admission and discharge of patients and particular problems which they present.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE HEALTH VISITORS

Total number of houses visited	..	..	..	..	28,398
First visits under 1 year	..	..	..	..	2,900
Total visits under 1 year	..	..	..	..	9,901
Visits to Children (1 - 2 years)	..	..	..	..	7,065
Visits to Children (2 - 5 years)	..	..	..	..	13,872
First Visits to Tuberculosis Patients	..	..	..	..	111
Care and After-care Visits	..	..	..	..	1,047
Visits to Minor Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	..	195
Visits to Outworkers	..	..	..	..	86
School Lectures	..	..	..	..	87
Mothercraft Lectures	..	..	..	..	42
Attendances at Welfare Centres	..	..	..	..	2,423

Attendances at Immunisation Clinics	47
Attendances at Superannuation Clinics	54
Aged Persons	2,170
Unclassified Visits	619
Attendances at B.C.G. Clinics in Schools	38
Ante-Natal Visits	923

As part of their training, Students have been accepted for tuition by this Department from the following sources:- Manchester University B.A. Admin. Manchester Health Visitors Course, Stockport Group Nurses Training School.

Visits to Ponsonby House for instruction by the Superintendent Health Visitor have been made by students from the following training establishments :-

Stockport Hospitals (Preliminary Training School and Pupil Assistant Nurses)
Stockport Schools (Groups from 6th Form of Girls High Schools and the Final year of Secondary Modern Schools)

(f) Child Life Protection (Sections 206 to 220 of the Public Health Act, 1936)

The Children's Officer is the responsible officer for carrying out these duties under the Children's Committee.

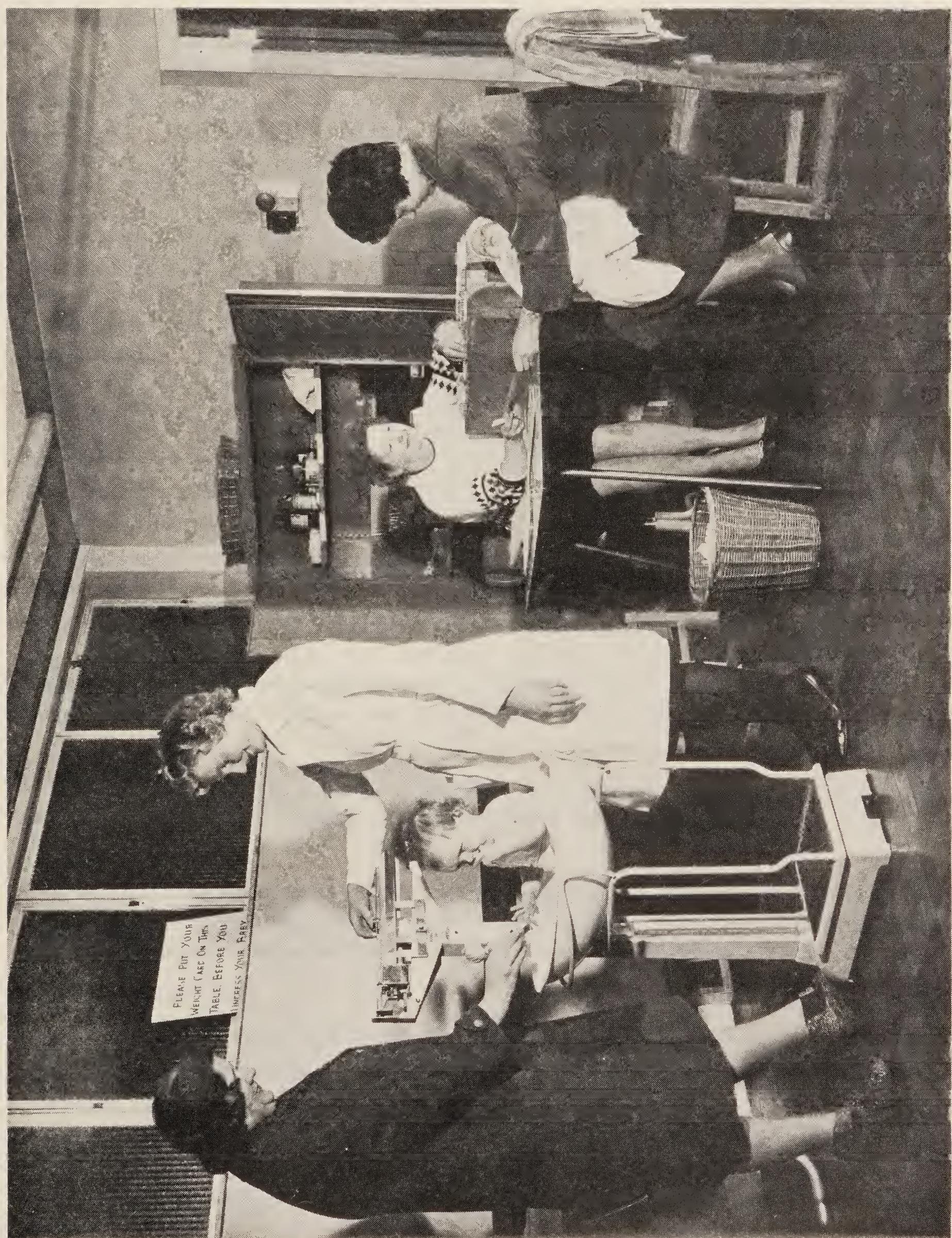
(g) Child Welfare Clinics

23 sessions are held weekly at 13 centres. The number of new cases entered in the registers was 2,268, the total weighings 42,509.

Arrangements are made whereby each toddler can receive a thorough examination each year, on the lines of the periodic School Medical Inspection. In 1963, 2,141 toddlers received such an examination, compared with 1,870 in 1962. There is still room for expansion in this work, and parents do not yet fully appreciate the value of this routine medical inspection.

Three part-time Physiotherapists attend at four of the Welgare Centres. Two sessions a week for sunlight and massage are held at Ponsonby House, Brinnington and North Reddish Clinics, and one session for massage only at Heaton Chapel and Ponsonby House Clinics.

During the year under review 18 children under 5 years and 109 school children attended for sunlight and 1917 treatments were given. 167 children under 5 years attended for massage and the number of treatments given to these children was 2,424.



GREAT MOOR CLINIC
REPRODUCED BY KIND PERMISSION OF IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES, 1963

Centre	New Cases	Number on Register	Total Weighings	Total Attendances	Medical Consultations	Special Toddlers' Examinations
Norris Bank	15	21	142	160	59	3
Portwood	69	136	1042	1200	376	28
Reddish	226	618	4080	4489	1685	279
Heaton Norris	227	558	3481	3897	1342	120
Adswood	175	371	3295	3784	1299	183
Great Moor	187	509	3568	4096	1395	229
Heaton Mersey	57	152	1048	1167	381	53
Heaton Chapel	342	747	4447	5082	1746	348
Cheadle Heath	164	466	3329	3875	1099	186
Brinnington	135	386	2360	2830	1032	154
North Reddish	192	431	3366	3886	1410	221
Ponsonby House	331	696	5149	5639	2162	239
Offerton	148	295	2278	2654	920	98
Totals	2268	5386	37585	42759	14906	2141

CHEADLE HEATH CLINIC

Plans are now well in advance for a new clinic to replace the existing one which has been housed in the Scouts Den, Heathbank Road for many years.

The new Clinic will be sited on Stockport Road immediately west of Cheadle Heath Station and building will commence in 1963. This is a comprehensive scheme involving other Committees and in addition to the Clinic the site will provide Aged Persons Dwellings and Public Toilet facilities.

GREAT MOOR CLINIC

This Clinic was being rebuilt on the site of the old Clinic in Store Street and was opened in March, 1963. It has justified all its expectations.

NORRIS BANK

A temporary Child Welfare Clinic, with one session per week was commenced in November 1963. The sessions are held in the clubroom of The Norris Bank and District Pensioners Association in Crescent Park, Norris Bank.

(h) Immunisation

(i) Diphtheria and Diph/Tetanus Immunisation

Facilities for Diphtheria Immunisation are provided at all Infant Welfare Centres.

During the year 1963, 51 children under five years received Primary Diphtheria or Diph/Tet. Immunisation, and 94 reinforcing doses (these children having been previously Immunised).

Table on Page 65 gives comprehensive figures of children immunised from 1933-1963.

(ii) Triple Antigen-Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis

In July 1954 immunisation against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough was started, using the triple antigen.

This reduces the number of inoculations required and there is the additional protection against Tetanus.

The following table gives details of immunisations done using Triple Antigen:

<i>Age at date of Immunisation</i>	<i>Under 1</i>	<i>1-2</i>	<i>2-3</i>	<i>3-4</i>	<i>4-5</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Total</i>
Primary doses	1651	79	20	7	4	7	1768
Reinforcing doses	-	237	865	95	86	73	1356

(i) Treatment of the Pre-School Child

(i) Co-operation with School Health Service

During the year under review the School Health Service co-operated closely with the Child Welfare Service, providing facilities for Intelligence tests, Dental Treatment and Eye Testing for the pre-school child. Appointments have also been made for pre-school children to attend Ear, Nose and Throat sessions at the School Clinic.

(ii) Provision for the Treatment of Verminous Heads in the Pre-School Child

In the course of home visiting by Health Visitors 133 cases of infested heads were discovered during the year and the facilities for treatment were provided by the Maternity and Child Welfare Department by the Supply of hair shampoo and the loan of a sacker comb. Remedy was speedily effected.

(iii) Phenylketonuria

Tests for Phenylketonuria are carried out with phenistix on the wet nappies of all babies between 3 and 8 weeks old, both at home and at Welfare Clinics. One positive reactor was discovered.

(iv) Thalidomide Deformity

The male child born in 1962 with a deformity due to Thalidomide was admitted to the Special Centre at Chailey Heritage in September 1963. He is now sitting up without support and playing with special toys. The Health Visitor keeps in touch with the mother in order that the child's progress may be recorded.

(m) DENTAL TREATMENT

(a) Numbers provided with dental care:

	Examined	Needing Treatment	Treated	Made Dentally Fit	Attendances
Expectant and Nursing Mothers.....	154	145	145	121	402
Children under Five.....	452	381	381	373	755

(b) Forms of dental treatment provided:

	Extractions	General Anaesthetics	Fillings	Scalings or Scaling and Gum Treatment	Silver Nitrate Treatment	Radio-graphs	Dentures Provided	Crowns or Inlays
	Complete	Partial						
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	330	27	109	16	2	-	26	16
Children under Five	462	144	354	-	78	-	-	-

Number of Dental Clinics in operation at end of year .. 4
 Total number of Sessions devoted to M. and C.W. cases .. 130 approx.
 Treatment of some mothers will continue in 1964.

(j) The Stockport Voluntary Committee for Maternity and Child Welfare

The Committee again rendered valuable assistance at the Welfare Centres during the year. Classes were also held for the purpose of giving mothers instruction in cooking, sewing, dressmaking, home nursing and child management.

The work undertaken by this Committee is greatly appreciated.

(k) Supply of Dried Milk

Various proprietary brands of dried milk are sold at the Clinics at cost price plus ten per cent, for handling charges. The amount supplied is restricted to the quantity required by the individual child.

43,507 lbs. of dried milk have been supplied this year as compared with 49,444 lbs. in 1962, and 63,216 units of other foods as compared with 58,823 units in 1962.

(l) Supply of Welfare Foods

Welfare Foods are supplied at all 12 Welfare Centres.

The issues for the year ending 31st December, 1963, are as follows :-

National Dried Milk	..	9,206
Cod-liver oil	..	2,802
Orange Juice	..	28,546
Vitamins A and D	..	2,511

(m) Dental Treatment (See chart on previous page).

(n) (i) Handicapped Children

During the year under review special consideration has been given to the care and attention of children born with mental and physical defects. 395 such children were brought to the notice of the Maternity and Child Welfare Section and the following table gives a detailed picture of the specific defects, together with the probable future educational category.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN UNDER 5

Probable Future Educational Category	Defect	Under 1	One	Two	Three	Four	Total
Blind, Partially Sighted	Visual Impairments Squint	1 2	2 9	8 16	4 33	2 29	17 89
Deaf Partial Hearing Educationally Sub-Normal	Hearing Impairment Subnormality of Mind (including Mongols)		2 3	4 5	3 6	7 13	16 27
Epileptic	Convulsions, Fits	3	2	5	10	7	27
Physically Handicapped	Heart Defect Orthopaedic Defect Central Nervous System, Defect (including Spastics)	3 4 2	2 9 5	6 14 5	8 16 8	5 4 4	24 47 24
Speech Defective	Speech Defect Hare-lip, Cleft-Palate	- 3	- 2	3 4	8 -	8 1	19 10
Delicate	Asthma Eczema Diabetes Miscellaneous	1 6 - 3	1 12 - 2	2 19 - 4	7 11 - 5	5 15 - 2	16 63 - 16
	Total	28	51	95	119	102	395

Certain of the children have been undergoing treatment at Stepping Hill Hospital and the Stockport Infirmary, and all cases have been visited by the Health Visitors.

(ii) Blind Children

No blind babies and four partially sighted babies were brought to the notice of this Department during the past year.

(o) Home Accidents

The arrangement commenced in June 1952, under which Stockport Infirmary undertook to notify the admission of patients suffering from burns and scalds, as a result of accidents, was continued during the year.

Arrangements are made for the follow-up of cases by a Health Visitor when information regarding these accidents is received by the Health Department.

Quite a large proportion of these accidents could have been avoided, if even the most elementary precautions had been taken, particularly so in the case of children.

Health Visitors have continued to pay follow-up visits to the homes of children involved in accidents, offering advice to ensure the avoidance of a repetition of such accidents.

During normal routine visits the Health Visitors have also stressed to the parents the absolute necessity of taking all possible precautions to avoid accidents happening in the home and have been frequently called upon to give advice on treatment in cases where accidents have already taken place.

The following table indicates the number and type of accident cases treated amongst Stockport residents of various age groups during 1963 at the Infirmary:-

	<i>Under 2 years</i>	<i>2 - 4 years</i>	<i>5 - 14 years</i>	<i>Over 15 Years</i>	<i>Total</i>
Burns	4	8	7	4	23
Scalds	7	5	6	6	24
Accidental Poisoning	8	18	2	6	34
*Other Accidents	84	128	46	58	316
Totals	103	159	61	74	397

* Mainly lacerations, swallowing of foreign bodies, animal bites, etc.

(p) Infant Mortality

1963. Deaths from stated causes at various ages under 1 year of age.

	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
All Causes	35	3	3	41	12	4	1	3	61	
Asphyxia	3			3	2					5
Atelectasis	2			2		1				2
Accidental Death						1		1		2
Birth Injuries								1		
Congenital Malformations	2	1		3	1	1	1	1		7
Convulsions										
Diarrhoea and Enteritis						1				1
Diseases of Early Infancy										
Pneumonia, All forms	1		1	2			3		1	6
Premature birth	23		1	24						24
Rhesus Incompatibility	1		1	2						2
Heart Disease		1		1		1				2
Other diseases		1		1		1				2
Motor vehicle accident										
Meningitis						2				2
Diseases of newly born	3			3	2					5
Infanticide						1				1

(B) MIDWIFERY

(a) Municipal Domiciliary Midwifery Service

The Borough is divided into 4 Midwifery Groups, 4 groups of 4 Midwives. The Midwives of each group relieve one another by each taking one in three midwifery calls.

There are 6 part-time Midwives who undertake nursings, thus enabling the whole-time Midwives to concentrate upon the confinements and to have two complete days off per week.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Municipal Midwives during 1963.

Visits to Expectant Mothers	..	..	5,127
Attendance at Ante-Natal Clinics	..	..	847
Home Investigations	..	..	184
Patients delivered	..	..	1,071
Visits during Puerperium	..	..	18,167
Special Visits, unclassified	..	..	281

(b) Supervision of Midwives

During the year 82 midwives gave notice of their intention to practise in the Borough. These include 56 at Stepping Hill Hospital, and 2 at Nursing Homes.

There was 1 application by a Midwife for Medical assistance in 1963 compared with two in 1962. 334 applications were made in cases where a doctor had been engaged under the National Health Service.

(c) Supervision of Nursing Homes

5 Nursing Homes were registered in the Borough at the end of 1963. These Homes are inspected at four-monthly intervals by the Assistant Medical Officer of Health for Maternity and Child Welfare, due attention being paid to premises, equipment and registers.

(d) Care of Premature Babies

(i) Domiciliary Deliveries

The premature child is nursed at home if its condition is satisfactory. Special draught-proof cots are provided by the Health Department with hot water bottles and blankets and other necessary equipment. The midwife attending the case devotes extra time and care to the child and continues visiting until the baby is progressing normally. Training for midwives in the care of premature babies is available at the Duchess of York Hospital, Burnage.

Any premature baby which is considered to be in need of hospital treatment is removed by ambulance. The baby travels in a special cot under the care of the midwife and oxygen is available for use during the journey.

Number of premature babies born in the district	..	26
Number still-born	..	2
Number died under 24 hours	..	1
Number died between 1st and 28th day	..	1
Number living after 28 days	..	22
Number transferred to Hospital (2 survived)	..	4

(ii) Hospital Deliveries

Premature babies born in hospital are detained until their condition is satisfactory and notice of their impending discharge is notified to the Medical Officer of Health. Particulars of feeding and any special recommendations are also conveyed to the Department. Such cases are followed up by the Health Visitor of the District in which the child resides.

Number of premature babies born in hospital	..	..	110
Number of premature babies surviving 28 days	..	..	62
Number of premature still-births	..	..	27
Number of premature babies who died after 24 hours	..	9	
Number of premature babies who died within 24 hours	..	12	

(e) Blood Investigation

Blood investigations were carried out on all cases attending ante-natal clinics during the year. Blood was investigated for Rhesus classification, Wasserman reaction and Haemoglobin, levels.

During the year 1,087 women were found to be Rhesus Positive and 146 Rhesus Negative. Antibodies were found in only 7 of these women. They were all transferred to Stepping Hill Hospital and 6 of the babies lived.

The number of Wasserman tests carried out during the year was 1,251. No positive WR. results were obtained from this group of patients.

Haemoglobin Level (Method, Haldane)

1,794 Haemoglobin estimations were made. The following table gives an analysis of Haemoglobin levels in this group.

	%			No. of Cases
30 - 39	..	..	..	Nil
40 - 49	..	..	..	1
50 - 59	..	..	..	53
60 - 69	..	..	..	348
70 - 79	..	..	..	777
80 - 89	..	..	..	539
90 - 99	..	..	..	76
100 - 109	..	..	..	Nil
	Total			<u>1,794</u>

All expectant mothers are encouraged to take iron tablets during the last few months of pregnancy. Those with low Haemoglobins are treated throughout the pregnancy.

Particulars are given below of Rhesus Tests and Wasserman Tests of Stockport women attending the Ante-Natal Clinic at Stepping Hill Hospital during 1963.

Number of Rhesus Tests	-	1141	Negative	199	Positive	942
Number of Kahn Tests	-	1141	Positive	7		
Number of Wasserman Tests	-	7	Positive	2	Negative	5

The above figures do not include booked cases who later aborted or cancelled for any reason.

(f) Relaxation Classes

Relaxation classes for natural childbirth commenced in April, 1957, at Churchgate Welfare Centre, and in October, 1959 a weekly session was commenced at Heaton Chapel Welfare Centre. Since July 1960, the relaxation classes have been held in Ponsonby House where 480 expectant mothers made 1,714 attendances.

(g) Ante-Natal Care related to Toxaemia

Mothers-to-be are advised to book either a doctor or midwife early in the pregnancy. On every visit to the Ante-natal clinic the mother is weighed, urine tested and blood pressure recorded. Advice concerning diet and general hygiene is given and in the event of an excessive gain in weight the mother is advised regarding a special diet.

Increase in blood pressure, albumen in urine and weight gain is immediately notified to her doctor either by telephone or by letter, the patient being told to go to bed and await doctor's orders. The midwife visits daily and records blood pressure if needed.

In cases where the mother, on attending clinic, is found to have excessive toxic characteristics, she is, with her consent, taken from the clinic to the maternity hospital by ambulance.

All clinic defaulters are followed up by the midwife booked for the confinement. Monthly visits are made to the patient's home by the midwife after the sixth month of pregnancy, monthly visits to the Ante-natal clinic up to the seventh month of pregnancy, and every two weeks to the eighth month then weekly until delivery. The midwife will visit between these clinic attendances if necessary.

(h) Congenital Defects

In accordance with the requirements of Ministry of Health letter dated 7th November 1963, a system of recording Congenital defects amongst all live and still-born babies was prepared in readiness to operate from 1st January 1964.

A larger form of birth notification card was produced on which all the essential particulars could be recorded either by the Municipal Midwife or Maternity Hospital authorities, and supplies of 'confidential' envelopes were supplied to contain the card for posting purposes.

Comprehensive lists of Congenital defects each with a classification code number were provided along with the new birth notification cards.

(i) Family Planning Clinic

Premises for clinic purposes are made available, rent free, to the Family Planning Association at Ponsonby House, by the Stockport Borough Council. One afternoon and two evening clinics are conducted each week. The Medical and ancillary staffing of these clinics is undertaken as a direct responsibility of the Family Planning Association.

(c) HOME NURSING SERVICE

This year has continued to be a heavy one for the Home Nurses and there has been an increase in the nursing of patients with Heart Disease. A greater number of patients have received more than 24 visits each during the year under review.

The arrangements whereby Geriatric Patients are admitted to hospital for 6 weeks then nursed at home for 6 weeks, continues to work well. This relieves hospital beds to a larger number of patients. Many more with chronic illness are nursed at home, the relatives being more willing to co-operate when they know they are likely to have a rest from time to time.

The Mobile Physiotherapy Units, financed by the voluntary Sick Poor Nursing Association is also alerted to give many of our patients Heat, Massage and Passive exercises, thus keeping patients ambulant who would otherwise be bedfast.

The Home Nurses report twice daily to the Centre for briefing and to give reports of patients' conditions to the Superintendent. A member of the staff is available at the Centre until 7/30 p.m. and is on duty until 10 p.m. or later for the purpose of attending to emergency calls, and giving extra nursing attention to very ill patients and administration of late evening injections. In the case of night duty a nurse is 'on call' for special emergency.

The Centre has been approved for District Nurse Training and we continue to use the Queen's Institute of District Nurse Training Course. The practical training is given from the Centre and students attend Manchester for lectures. Students passing the examination qualify for the National Certificate issued by the Ministry of Health in addition to the certificate of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing. During the year three students have completed the course and were successful in passing the examination and there are two students now in training.

The Home Nursing Service is augmented by the services of 4 full-time and 1 part-time Bathing Attendants. They are strong motherly types with some nursing experience but no qualifications and deal with the elderly and infirm patients. They have proved very successful and relieve the trained staff of some of the chronic work. The demand for this service continues to increase.

The Voluntary Committee, through the funds of the Stockport Sick Poor Nursing Association continue to supply full size sheets for loan to the elderly sick and infirm. They have also undertaken to pay for all laundry used by these patients where difficulty arises in obtaining clean linen. Blankets and night wear are provided in necessitous cases. Many elderly patients have received supplies of coal.

Transport

The Superintendent and one nurse use their own cars for which casual user motor car allowances are paid. 9 nurses are paid motor scooter allowance, 2 motor assisted cycle allowance and 10 cycle allowance. The remainder use public conveyance and are reimbursed.

DETAILS OF SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE YEAR 1963

Summary of patients nursed

		Cases Nursed	Visits Paid
Medical	.. ..	1,757	38,425
Surgical	.. ..	1,235	33,549
Operations	-	-
	Totals	<u>2,992</u>	<u>71,974</u>

Patients visited by Bath

Attendants	296	7,503
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Work carried out month by month as follows :-

Month	Number of patients carried forward at beginning of month	Number of New Cases	Total Number nursed during the month	Nursing visits paid
January	646	202	848	6,173
February	620	254	874	6,130
March	651	234	885	6,055
April	640	184	824	6,342
May	645	178	823	6,168
June	655	174	829	6,041
July	653	179	832	5,704
August	664	204	868	6,107
September	674	183	857	5,498
October	666	182	848	5,868
November	680	175	855	5,777
December	664	197	861	6,111
		2,346		71,974

Outcome of cases ceasing to be nursed :

Month	Convalescent	Hospital	Died	Removed from books for other causes
January	129	42	37	20
February	129	35	37	22
March	145	49	28	23
April	93	32	31	23
May	98	29	23	18
June	92	38	23	23
July	107	26	16	19
August	113	32	26	26
September	120	32	17	22
October	112	21	23	12
November	106	29	32	24
December	106	39	19	25
	1,350	404	282	257

Types of cases nursed :

Disease	No. of cases	No. of Visits
Tuberculosis 16 783		
Respiratory infections (other than T.B.) .. 117 2,841		
Diseases of the Heart 237 8,180		
Carcinoma 215 7,020		
Accidents in the Home 33 1,181		
Gynaecological 69 1,002		
Maternal Complications 72 638		
Post-Operative dressings 203 3,852		
X-Ray Preparations 216 444		
Giving of injections only 666 23,655		
School children 52 389		
Children under 5 years 23 206		
Patients over 65 years 1,434 48,573		
Patients who had over 24 visits paid .. 792 55,159		

Nursing Equipment

1,297 articles of nursing equipment have been issued to patients in their own homes. More articles have remained out on loan for longer periods. This is due to a greater number of elderly and chronic patients taking advantage of this service.

In the majority of cases the loan was made to ease the work of the Home Nurse in her routine nursing care of the patient.

No charge was made for the loan of articles, all having been provided by the voluntary committee of the Stockport Sick Poor Nursing Association.

The equipment available for use includes :

Bed-pans, Bed-rests, Bed cradles, Bed blocks, Bed tables, Dunlopillo Mattresses, Dunlopillo Rings, Air rings, Douche apparatus, Crutches, Commodes, Cotton Draw Sheets, Feeding cups, Raising apparatus, Rubber Sheets, Tan-sad Invalid chairs, Sand bags, Splints, Steam kettles, Walking aids, Oxford Hoists, 1 St. Benedict's Bed Chair, McCullagh Combined Commodes, Quadruped Sticks, Rollator Walking Aids, 6 Limmer Lightweight walking aids have been added to the stock this year.

Blankets, sheets, night-dresses, pyjamas, and extra nourishment have also been given to elderly and Tuberculosis patients, by the voluntary committee, and 109 parcels which included food, bath towels, Nightwear or bed linen were distributed to elderly sick poor patients at Christmas. Supplies of coal were also provided where necessary. Complan has been provided free to many patients who were suffering from malnutrition.

(d) Domestic Help Service

On the 31st December, 1963, the staff of the Domestic Help Service consisted of one Organiser and one Deputy Organiser, 15 full-time Domestic Helps and 88 part-time Domestic Helps. The following table gives an analysis of the type of work which has been undertaken by this Service during the year.

1963	Maternity	Chronic and Old Age	Tuberculosis	Others	Total
Case load at 1.1.63.	-	557	3	6	566
NEW CASES					
January	10	7	-	4	21
February	14	31	-	6	51
March	18	9	-	7	34
April	15	22	-	3	40
May	15	24	-	5	44
June	10	-	-	1	11
July	13	6	-	1	20
August	7	33	-	1	41
September	7	33	-	1	41
October	11	51	-	4	66
November	7	40	-	4	51
December	5	29	-	-	34
	132	842	3	43	1020

There is no doubt that the demand which has been made on this service during the year indicates that there is need for expansion, and from the details in the statistical table it will be seen that there is a growing demand on this Service particularly in connection with the care of the elderly and mothers after confinement. The following financial summary gives a complete account of the cost of the Service and indicates that there is a very high degree of financial recovery in relation to the maternity cases.

Type of Case	Amount Recovered		
	£	s	d
Maternity	100 1. 18. 0
Domestic	1005. 12. 2
			£2007. 10. 2

The cost of this Service to the individual is dictated by a scale which is partly laid down by the National Assistance Board. In very many instances because of the poor financial circumstances of many people who request this service, they may apply for reduction in fees and are assessed according to their incomes.

There is no doubt from the information which reaches the Department through the general medical practitioners and health visitors, that this Service, even although at present excellent in quality, will have to be strengthened numerically in order that it may be able to face the demands on it in the coming years.

(e) DAY NURSERIES

The total attendances of children at the Daw Bank and Whitehill Nurseries for 1963 are given below, together with the comparative figures for 1962 :-

	1963	1962
Daw Bank Nursery	.. 8262	6627
Whitehill Nursery	.. 9665	9237

REPORT OF ATTENDANCES FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 1963

	Daw Bank Children 6 months - 2 years	Whitehill Children 6 months - 2 years
Approved Accommodation	.. 35	52
Total Attendances during the year	8262	9665
Average Daily Attendances for period	33. 44	38. 97
Maximum Daily Attendance	.. 42	53
Days Open	.. 247	248

The amount of fees collected as a result of the attendances at Daw Bank and Whitehill Nurseries during 1963 is as follows :-

Daw Bank - £1,566. 1. 6d. Whitehill - £1,849. 15. 0d.

SECTION VII

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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Mental Health Service

(a) Administration

The Medical Officer of Health is responsible to the Health Committee for the administration of this Service the day-to-day work of which is carried out to a large extent by three Mental Welfare Officers (two male and one female). In addition, six Medical Officers of the Local Authority are approved under Section 28 of the Mental Health Act 1959, for the purpose of making medical recommendations.

A close and friendly liaison exists between the Mental Health Service -

(i) *Other Corporation Departments*: Information and advice are freely interchanged between the Health Department and other relevant departments, e.g. Welfare, Education, Housing, Police, etc. A record of appreciation must be made to the Police Service and the Ambulance Service for the invaluable assistance afforded this Service whenever this has been requested.

(ii) *The Hospital Service*: The Medical Officer of Health is a member of the Hospital Management Committee.

The Mental Welfare Officers co-operate closely with the Hospital Psychiatrists in connection with the admission (both informal and compulsory) of patients to hospital, and they also provide reports on home conditions in respect of applications for Holiday Leave, and progress reports on patients absent from hospital on Holiday Leave.

A Consultant Child Psychiatrist employed by the Manchester Regional Hospital Board is made available to the Local Authority for two sessions per week. In addition to his child guidance work, he also conducts fortnightly group discussions on subjects of interest to Medical Officers, Health Visitors, Mental Welfare Officers, etc. of the Local Authority.

(iii) *General Practitioners*: A very useful liaison exists by virtue of the Medical Officer of Health being a member of the Executive Council, and the Local Medical Committee.

Full use is made of the Mental Health Service by General Practitioners in the County Borough, three of whom are approved under Section 28 of the Mental Health Act 1959 for the purpose of making medical recommendations. There is a rapidly growing tendency for doctors to contact this Service in the early stages of the patient's psychiatric illness; this, in conjunction with the facilities for domiciliary visits by the Consultant Psychiatrist along with facilities for out-patient management, enables many patients to be satisfactorily treated without admission to hospital.

(iv) *Government Departments and Voluntary Organisations:* Contacts of a reciprocal nature are maintained with these Departments and Organisations, especially in connection with problems of employment, rehabilitation, National Assistance, probation, etc. Mutually helpful contact is also maintained with appropriate voluntary organisations concerned with moral welfare, marriage guidance, and the prevention of neglect of children.

(v) *The Public:* An increasing number of the general public approach the department seeking advice and information in problems concerning mental illness and subnormality. This is a favourable development, probably indicating both a greater awareness of the available sources of help and a lessening in the social stigma in connection with mental disorder.

The Local Health Authority's responsibilities in the mental health field include -

- (a) the ascertainment of cases of mental illness and subnormality in the community.
- (b) the initial proceedings to secure the admission of mentally disordered persons to hospital for observation and treatment.
- (c) the care and after-care of mentally disordered persons living in the community and the provision of facilities for suitable training or occupation for such persons.

(b) Account of Work undertaken in the Community

During the year under review the work of the Mental Health Service showed further increase.

The total number of admissions to Psychiatric Hospitals (including informal admissions) was 384, as compared with 261 in 1962. The main difficulty in this sphere continued to be that of securing hospital admission for cases of borderline senile dementia. (This difficulty may lessen following the provision of Local Authority hostel accommodation for the aged mentally infirm, referred to later). A number of such cases found to be suffering from physical illness were referred to the Consultant Geriatrician; cases not requiring hospital admission were frequently referred for visiting by the Health Visitors, Home Nursing Service, or Home Help Service.

Full advantage was taken of the service available at the three Psychiatric Clinics - St. Thomas' Clinic, Stepping Hill Hospital Clinic, and Rose Mount Clinic, Macclesfield. Appreciation must be expressed here for the friendly and helpful co-operation received from the staffs of these clinics.

During 1963 there was no lessening of the demand for beds for psychiatric cases made to the Medical Director of Parkside Hospital, Macclesfield, and the Consultant Psychiatrists at St. Thomas' Hospital in control of the Bed Bureau for this County Borough, and appreciation must be expressed here for the consideration and co-operation afforded this Service.

In the subnormality field the main difficulty was that of finding accommodation in hospital for cases of severe subnormality. Dr. Pilkington has continued to be helpful in this respect when at all possible, especially in the provision of Short Term Care.

Mental Illness :-

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of Stockport patients in Psychiatric Hospitals on the 31st December, 1963	102	184	286
Total number of admissions to Psychiatric Hospitals (including informal admissions) during the year 1963	140	244	384
Cases investigated and action taken by the Mental Welfare Officers during the year 1963 :-			
(i) Patients admitted to Psychiatric Hospitals under Part IV of the Mental Health Act (compulsory admission) -			
For observation (Section 25)	29	44	73
For treatment (Section 26)	4	3	7
For observation in emergency (Section 29)	10	6	16
Detention under Hospital Order (Section 61/62)	1	-	1
Detention under Hospital Order (Section 68)	1	-	1
	<hr/> 45	<hr/> 53	<hr/> 98

Of the 73 patients admitted for observation under Section 25, one had to be detained compulsorily for treatment under Section 26. 3 died and 14 were discharged at the end of the 28-day observation period; the others remained in hospital as informal patients following the period of compulsory detention. Of the 7 emergency admissions for observation, no patient died during the 72-hour observation period, 6 being further detained for a 28-day observation period and one, made informal at expiration of three days, subsequently remained in hospital on an informal basis.

(In addition to the above patients admitted compulsorily, 284 patients, 95 males and 189 females, were admitted informally to Psychiatric Hospitals, in 99 cases the patient being escorted by the Mental Welfare Officer. It is gratifying to observe that, of the patients who required admission to a Psychiatric Hospital during the year, only 25.5% required compulsory admission under the provisions of Part IV of the Mental Health Act, the remainder being admitted quite voluntarily without recourse to legal formality).

(ii) Other Cases - Disposal :-

Admitted to Hospital Sick Wards	..	..	6
Referred to other Departments of the Local Authority			14
Referred to Patient's Doctor	..	..	47
Transfers from one Psychiatric Hospital to another			-
No action deemed necessary	..	..	25

(iii) Care and After-Care :-

Referred direct to Psychiatric Clinics ..	13
Attendances escorting patients to Psychiatric Clinics for examination/outpatient treatment ..	33
Pre-care visits ..	181
After-care visits where the patient has consented to such action ..	517
Supervisory visits ..	417
Hospital request visits ..	93
Interviews ..	103

A 24-hour service is maintained by the Mental Health Service. A rota is issued weekly to General Hospitals in the town, Parkside Bed Bureau, Consultant Psychiatrist, Chief Constable, and Ambulance Service, informing them of the Mental Welfare Officer on duty after office hours.

General Practitioners have been informed of these arrangements and asked to contact the Police Department for the name of the Mental Welfare Officer on duty.

Mental Subnormality :-

Statistics at the 31st December, 1963

(i) Stockport cases in Hospital ..	..	154
(ii) Cases awaiting admission ..	..	25
(iii) Cases under friendly supervision ..	..	215
(iv) Cases reported during the year and found to require friendly supervision ..	..	23
(v) Cases for whom hospital admission was arranged :		
N. H. S. Hospitals ..	..	22
Elsewhere ..	..	4

Most of the cases which are brought to the notice of the Mental Health Service for friendly supervision are referred by General Medical Practitioners, parents, relatives, the Local Education Authority, or the Prison Medical Service.

When a new case is notified, the Mental Welfare Officer compiles a social case history and this forms the basis for deciding whether there is any necessity to arrange hospital care or attendance at a training centre.

Close liaison exists with the Local Education Authority in respect of child subnormality cases and visits are made to the homes of the mentally subnormal and advice given to parents.

During the year 1,271 such visits were made and there were 73 office interviews.

(c) Training Centres

Beacon House - Junior Training Centre.

Opened 26th March, 1957. Approved accommodation	60
Average attendance, 1963	37.42
On the register December 1963	26 males. 30 females.
During the year three Cheshire cases have been attending.	

Prospect House - Adult Training Centre.

Opened 6th March, 1951.	Approved accommodation	36
Average attendance, 1963	.. .. ..	31.12
On the register December, 1963	.. .. ..	24 males. 14 females.
One Cheshire case attended during the year.		

At both Training Centres the School Meals Service continues to provide hot mid-day meals at which opportunity is taken to give instruction in simple table manners. The meals continue to be of high nutritional value, and free milk is supplied to all trainees attending the Centres.

The trainees, transported by Corporation bus, both to and from the Centres from selected points en route are away from their homes from about 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, inclusive.

During the year each trainee attending the Centre was medically examined by one of the School Medical Officers.

A Christmas Party was held at each Centre with considerable success. The Mayor, Mayoress, and Members of the Health Committee, together with parents, enjoyed the concerts at both Centres. Several organisations and individuals provided gifts for the pupils and these, along with a grant from the Health Committee enabled every trainee to receive a suitable present. Articles which were made by the trainees were displayed.

Under arrangements kindly made by the proprietors of the Manchester Evening News and Chronicle, 67 trainees and 12 staff spent an enjoyable half-day at Belle Vue Circus on December 20th.

25 trainees spent a holiday at Llanfairfechan, half the cost being borne by the Local Authority and half by the local branch of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

The National Association for Mental Health continues to utilise the Centres for practical training for students studying for their examination.

(d) Progress in the Provision of Mental Health Services

Prospect House and Beacon House Training Centres continued during the year to provide facilities for mentally subnormal adults and juniors respectively.

Prospect House will continue to provide training for those who will not be able to take advantage of the increased facilities at the new centre, and will be used also for those requiring preparatory training before moving off to the new centre.

In the field of mental illness, arrangements have been made by the Authority to enable Stockport patients to participate in the Cheadle Sheltered Workshop, for rehabilitation purposes. The Authority is also supporting Hostel provision for Stockport cases transferred to Cheadle Royal Hospital from Parkside Hospital, Macclesfield, pending the establishment of the Authority's Hostels referred to below.

(e) New Premises

The Training Centre located in Great Portwood Street will be operative in June 1964. This will supply a long felt need, as with the opening of this centre which is designed to impart training in industrial skills to suitable trainees, full and complete facilities will be available to all trainees.

It is expected that the building of the Hostel for the Aged Mentally Infirm will commence at a site in Woodbank during 1964, and this should be ready for use late in 1965.

A site for the Psychiatric Hostel has been allocated in Balmoral Road, Heaton Moor, and it is hoped that rapid progress will be made with this project when the sketch plans have been completed.

A site has still to be acquired for the Hostel for the Mentally Subnormal but it is hoped that a suitable site will be located shortly.

SECTION VIII

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS

CARE AND AFTER-CARE

SECTION VIII

Prevention of Illness - Care and After-Care

(a) Health Education

From May to July 1963, the biggest campaign ever undertaken against smoking took place in Stockport, mainly directed toward children and young persons. Propaganda in the form of posters and leaflets was distributed to schools and youth clubs as a preliminary step and at the same time the film 'Smoking and You' was made available on request.

In July, the mobile 'Smoking and Health' Unit visited the town and a comprehensive programme of visits was arranged. The lecturers called at 15 schools and youth clubs and utilised a variety of methods of delivery of the subject including filmstrips, flannelgraphs and class discussions.

In October 1963, as part of the Educational Project, the Manchester Committee on Cancer offered the services of their Mobile Information Unit. With the co-operation of the Town Clerk, members of the staff of all Departments attended a lecture on Cancer Education.

Also in July, a Food Hygiene campaign was conducted by means of posters distributed to food shops and catering establishments.

The annual B.C.G. programme for schoolchildren was supported by the distribution of an explanatory leaflet to all parents which gave full details of the reasons for giving children B.C.G. vaccination and the method of ascertaining whether B.C.G. vaccination is necessary or not.

The Mass Radiography Unit commenced a survey of the northern half of the town in October and assistance in publicizing the visits was provided by the Health Department in the form of a mobile broadcasting unit which toured all the areas concerned.

During the year, the use of visual aids was increased and a considerable number of 16 m.m. sound films, on a variety of topics, have been shown at Ponsonby House Clinic. These include regular showings of the film 'To Janet - A Son?' to expectant mothers and pupil midwives. An instructional film on Emergency Resuscitation has been shown to all the staff and Ambulance personnel and other documentary films dealing with Mental Health, Child Welfare and Food Hygiene have been shown to those directly concerned in these matters.

In order that the public may be kept fully informed on the Health Services available, preliminary work in bringing up to date the booklet 'A Guide to the Health Services' was commenced in preparation for the revised edition to be distributed about mid-year 1964.

Health Visitors have continued to give lectures on Health topics in Secondary Modern schools and also on Mothercraft technique to classes at Welfare Clinics.

Copies of 'Better Health', the official journal of the Central Council for Health Education have been distributed through the various channels of the Department and have been made available free of charge to the public when calling at the Health Department Offices and Clinics.

With the co-operation of the Cleansing Department, all public toilets were supplied with notices giving details of the location of the Venereal Diseases Clinic together with advice that early treatment should be sought if the disease is suspected. During the year, posters on this topic have been displayed on outdoor poster frames and a 35 mm film strip is available to Health Visitors who carry out lectures at schools.

(b) (i) Tuberculosis - B.C.G. Vaccination

B.C.G. vaccination was continued during the year in accordance with the provisions of Ministry of Health Circular No. 22/53 dated 5th November, 1953.

An extension of the existing arrangements was sanctioned by the Minister of Health (Circular 7/59) to include children over 13 years of age. This decision enabled the parents of any child who previously missed B.C.G. vaccination to re-consider the benefits of this scheme. In the extended age group 114 consented and of this number 73 were vaccinated, 17 were positive reactors and the remainder absent etc.

The following table gives in detail the response and results of the B.C.G. Vaccination scheme since the beginning of the scheme in January 1954 :-

Year	No. of Schools	No. of 13 yr. old children	No. of acceptances	No. given B.C.G.	Positive Reactors
1954	22	1495	886	596	204
1955	21	1632	899	672	158
1956	22	1794	997	784	188
1957	20	1799	1021	821	154
1958	22	1749	1014	804	119
1959	21	2178	1377	1178	176
1960	22	2398	1450	1256	153
1961	21	2111	1247	1107	114
1962	21	2029	1210	1031	122
1963	21	1887	1192	1040	101

It is unfortunate that the proportion of acceptances from children in the eligible age group is not very satisfactory but it is intended to intensify efforts to improve the response.

All positive reactors are offered appointments to attend the Chest Clinic for a chest X-Ray, the results being notified to this Department and further action taken where necessary.

Facilities have been available since 1954 for the skin testing of children attending at Infant Welfare Centres.

All candidates for employment involving close contact with infants and children have had X-ray examinations of the chest before appointment.

No person with respiratory tuberculosis is considered for such employment unless and until the disease is certified as arrested, i.e., has been quiescent for two years, with negative sputum in this period.

The Chest Physicians have continued to give B.C.G. Vaccination for the protection of negative re-actors in groups of persons exposed to risk of immediate contact. During the year 112 children were vaccinated with B.C.G. at the Chest Clinic. B.C.G. vaccination is also made available for all babies born in St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, and 68 babies were vaccinated there during 1963.

Health Visitors undertake visits to the homes of tuberculosis cases on receipt of notification, and they are also responsible for visiting cases of tuberculosis on discharge from sanatoria. Visits are undertaken at three-monthly intervals in the case of pulmonary tuberculosis, six-monthly intervals in cases of tuberculosis of bones and joints, and yearly in cases of tuberculosis of the skin. Additional visits are paid in exceptional cases. The Health Visitors also visit homes for the purposes of following-up cases where, only at death, was the person found to have had tuberculosis.

During the year under review, Health Visitors made 111 first visits and 1,047 visits in respect of after care.

(b) (ii) Mass Miniature Radiography Sessions

The following table shows the results of the special X-Ray sessions held at Ponsonby House during 1963 by No. 3 Mass Radiography Unit.

SPECIAL X-RAY SESSIONS AT PONSONBY HOUSE DURING 1963

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number X-Rayed	416	388	804
Abnormalities:-			
Tuberculosis - healed	2	1	3
Tuberculosis - occasional observation	5	5	10
Tuberculosis - treatment or close supervision	5	4	9
Malignant neoplasms	6	2	8
Non-malignant neoplasms	1	1	2
Acquired cardiac abnormalities	2	5	7
Congenital abnormalities of bony thorax	-	1	1
Bacterial and virus infections of lungs	10	10	20
Bronchiectasis	2	1	3
Emphysema	4	1	5
Fibrosis	3	2	5
Spontaneous pneumothorax	-	1	1
Pleural thickening	4	5	9
Abnormalities of diaphragm	2	2	4
Miscellaneous abnormalities	4	2	6
 Total	<u>50</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>93</u>

The following observations were made :-

1. The 804 persons examined were referred by General Practitioners practising in or having patients in Stockport. The patients attended at twelve monthly sessions during the year and the number of patients referred represents an increase of 10 per cent on the 1962 total.
2. Nine cases of pulmonary tuberculosis requiring treatment or close observation were discovered giving a high incidence rate of 11 per thousand examined. In routine community surveys the incidence of this type of tuberculosis is around 1.2 per thousand.
3. Eight cases of malignant neoplasm - mainly carcinoma bronchus - were found as well as numerous other significant abnormalities requiring further investigation or treatment.

In addition to the above, a Survey of the northern half of Stockport was commenced in October 1963 and carried over into 1964.

Over 17,000 persons were X-Rayed, the majority from industrial concerns and about one quarter from the General public. The remainder being made up by cases referred by General Practitioners. A more detailed report of the results of this survey will appear in next year's Annual Report.

(c) VENEREAL DISEASES

Return relating to Stockport cases treated at Great Egerton Street during the year
1963

		Total	Male	Female
SYPHILIS	1 NEW CASES OF SYPHILIS			
	(i) Primary	3	1	2
	(ii) Secondary	-	-	-
	(iii) Latent in the first year of infection	-	-	-
	(iv) Cardio-vascular	2	1	1
	(v) of the nervous system	2	2	-
	(vi) All other late and latent stages	2	1	1
	(vii) Congenital, aged under 1 year	-	-	-
	(viii) " " 1 but under 5 years	-	-	-
	(ix) " " 5 " " 15 years	-	-	-
	(x) " " 15 and over	2	-	2
GONORRHOEA	2 TOTAL OF LINES INCLUDED IN 1.	11	5	6
	3 AGE GROUPS OF CASES IN ITEM 1(i) and (ii) ABOVE			
	AGE GROUPS			
	Under 16	-	-	-
	16 and 17	-	-	-
	18 and 19	-	-	-
	20 - 24	1	-	1
	25 and over	2	1	1
	4 CASES TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER CENTRES IN ENGLAND AND WALES AFTER DIAGNOSIS	4	1	3
	5 CASES IN WHICH TREATMENT AND OBSERVATION WERE COMPLETED	19	9	10
OTHER CONDITIONS	6 NEW CASES OF GONORRHOEA	69	53	16
	7 AGE GROUPS OF CASES IN ITEM 6 ABOVE			
	AGE GROUPS			
	Under 16	-	-	-
	16 and 17	3	2	1
	18 and 19	3	3	-
	20 - 24	21	15	6
	25 and over	42	33	9
	8 CASES TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER CENTRES IN ENGLAND AND WALES AFTER DIAGNOSIS	1	1	-
	9 CASES IN WHICH TREATMENT AND OBSERVATION WERE COMPLETED	57	44	13
OTHER CONDITIONS	10 NEW CASES OF OTHER CONDITIONS			
	(i) Chancroid	1	1	-
	(ii) Lymphogranuloma Venereum	-	-	-
	(iii) Granuloma Inguinale	-	-	-
	(iv) Non Gonococcal Urethritis	76	76	-
	(v) Non-Gonococcal Urethritis with Arthritis	-	-	-
	(vi) Late or Latent Treponematoses presumed to be non-Syphilitic	-	-	-
	(vii) Other conditions requiring treatment within the Centre	69	47	22
	(viii) Conditions requiring no treatment within the centre	211	126	85
	(ix) Undiagnosed conditions	-	-	-
OTHER CONDITIONS	11 TOTAL OF LINES INCLUDED IN 10	357	250	107
	12 CASES TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER CENTRES IN ENGLAND AND WALES AFTER DIAGNOSIS	-	-	-
	13 CASES IN WHICH TREATMENT AND OBSERVATION WERE COMPLETED	354	243	111

		<i>Totals</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
14	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL PATIENTS ATTENDING IN YEAR WITH NEW INFECTIONS OF :			
	(i) Primary or secondary Syphilis			
	AGE GROUP			
	Under 16	-	-	-
	16 and 17	-	-	-
	18 and 19	-	-	-
	20 - 24	1	-	1
	25 and over	2	1	1
	(iii) Gonorrhoea			
	AGE GROUP			
	Under 16	-	-	-
	16 and 17	3	2	1
	18 and 19	3	3	-
	20 - 24	17	12	5
	25 and over	39	30	9
15	LOCALITIES IN WHICH INFECTIONS TOOK PLACE			
	(i) Primary or secondary Syphilis			
	(a) In locality of Centre	1	-	1
	(b) Elsewhere in Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2	1	1
	(c) Outside Great Britain and Northern Ireland	-	-	-
	(d) Not known			
	(ii) Gonorrhoea			
	(a) In locality of Centre	46	31	15
	(b) Elsewhere in Great Britain and Northern Ireland	22	21	1
	(c) Outside Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1	1	-
	(d) Not known	-	-	-
16	ATTENDANCES AND DIAGNOSES OF CONTACTS			
	(i) Contact slips issued to patients with			
	(a) Syphilis, primary and secondary	2	1	1
	(b) Gonorrhoea	17	16	1
	(ii) Contacts attending with			
	(a) Syphilis, primary and secondary	2	1	1
	(b) Gonorrhoea	12	-	12
	(c) Other conditions	2	1	1
17	TOTAL ATTENDANCES OF ALL PATIENTS			
	(i) Syphilis	361	175	186
	(ii) Gonorrhoea	262	174	88
	(iii) Other conditions	866	606	260
	(iv) ALL CONDITIONS (TOTAL OF 17(i), (ii) and (iii))	1489	955	534
18	Cultures for the gonococcus	176	4	172

VENEREAL DISEASES

The following table shows the number of new cases of Venereal Disease (also non-venereal cases) attending at the Stockport Clinic since 1953.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Syphilis</i>	<i>Gonorrhoea</i>	<i>Non-Venereal</i>
1953	39 (27)	76 (50)	358 (232)
1954	39 (19)	40 (22)	348 (190)
1955	23 (17)	50 (29)	380 (205)
1956	21	39	258
1957	6	47	189
1958	10	27	205
1959	6	52	214
1960	9	37	237
1961	11 (4)	62 (37)	332 (172)
1962	11 (5)	79 (54)	300 (154)
1963	5 11	24 69	169 146

The figures in brackets indicate the number of patients known to be resident in the County Borough of Stockport.

(d) Mental Illness and Mental Subnormality

The Mental Welfare Officers undertake the domiciliary visiting of cases of mental subnormality under supervision or discharged from Order. Escorts to Psychiatric Clinics, pre-care and after-care visits are carried out in respect of patients suffering from mental illness.

The Local Health Authority maintains Training Centres for cases of mental subnormality at Derby Road, Heaton Moor and Whitlea Drive, Adswood. A detailed report of the activities of these centres is to be found on pages 95 and 96.

Details of the domiciliary work carried out by the Mental Health Service are given on pages 92 and 95.

(e) Other Types of Illness

Cases notified by Hospital Authorities as being in need of after-care on discharge from hospital have in the main been attended by the staff of the Home Nursing Service. The Health Visitors and the Domestic Help Service have also given assistance in such cases. To ensure the closest liaison between the family doctors and the Local Health Authority, contact was made with each doctor by the Superintendent Health Visitor during the year.

Informal conversations were held at which the Health Visitor for the district was present. The result of this co-operation has been of great benefit to many patients.

A considerable amount of time has again been devoted to old people in need of care and attention, both by the Home Nursing Service and the Domestic Help Service, and in particular to cases where old people have been found to be living in unsatisfactory conditions and who are unable or unwilling to obtain hospital treatment.

(f) Provision of Nursing Equipment and Apparatus

An adequate supply of nursing equipment and apparatus is made available by the Home Nursing Service. The Voluntary Committee of the Stockport Sick Poor Nursing Association has provided supplies of bed linen, mattresses, bed rests, bed pans, etc, to meet the needs of persons being nursed in their own homes. This Association has also maintained two Mobile Physiotherapy Units. Our thanks are due to the Voluntary Committee for their valuable assistance in this work.

(g) Convalescent Treatment

As in previous years, Convalescent Treatment has been made available to adults and children. Adults are generally recommended for Convalescent Treatment by their family doctors, whilst children are recommended by School Medical Officers.

In all cases where financial assistance is requested, family incomes are ascertained, and allowances as set out in the National Assistance Act, 1948, and subsequent Amendments are deducted, and the amount to be paid is assessed in accordance with the National Assistance Board's recommended scales.

During the year 5 children were provided with Convalescent treatment, as compared with 17 during the previous year

17 adults were provided with Convalescent Treatment during 1963, compared with 33 in 1962.

SUMMARY, 1963

CHILDREN

Craig Convalescent Home for Children, Morecambe	..	..	Nil
Ormerod Convalescent Home for Children, St. Annes-on-Sea	..	..	5
Total	..	..	5

SUMMARY, 1963

ADULTS

Blackburn & District Convalescent Home, St. Annes-on-Sea	..	..	14
Grey Court Convalescent Home, Hest Bank, Morecambe	..	..	2
Grey Court Convalescent Home, Parkside, Arnside	..	..	Nil
Binswood Convalescent Home, Manchester	..	..	Nil
Beachways Convalescent Home, Southport	..	..	Nil
Boarbark Hall Nursing and Convalescent Home, Grange-over-Sands	..	..	1
Total	..	..	17

The usual period of convalescent is two weeks for adults.

Strict control is maintained to prevent applicants abusing the scheme and having an annual holiday at the public expense.

It is a requirement of the Department that the assessment fee should be paid before final arrangements for an applicant's admission to a Convalescent Home are completed.

(b) Assisted Chiropody Service

The Chiropody Service has been operative since the 4th April, 1960, authorised by the Ministry of Health Circular 11/59, for persons over the age of 65 years, physically handicapped persons and for expectant mothers who are unable to pay the full cost of such treatment.

The service is provided by suitably qualified Chiropodists at four Centres in the town and at all Welfare Homes. Provision at Brinnington Clinic, Heaton Chapel Clinic and North Reddish Clinic serves the northern half of the town, whereas Ponsonby House Clinic, easily reachable from the southern half of the town, adequately serves that part. For those persons who are considered by their family doctors to be too infirm to attend the clinic, a domiciliary service is available.

Any person in one of the categories mentioned can, on the recommendation of a medical practitioner or a district nurse, apply for an assessment form which, on completion, is scrutinised at the Health Department, in order that the amount payable for treatment may be ascertained. The patient is then forwarded a sheet of vouchers from which one is detached by the Chiropodist at the time of treatment who, in addition, collects the amount assessed from the patient.

The service has been operative for over three years and it has been clearly shown that the take-up of the service has been almost exclusively by the elderly and that the demand for 'domiciliary' treatment for this group has been the greatest single call on the service. (It may be that handicapped persons receive the necessary attention through the hospital service and it is probably reasonable to suppose that the relatively small number of expectant mothers who need chiropody treatment make their own arrangements). The demand for Sessional treatment increased during 1963 and it became necessary to commence an extra session weekly at North Reddish Clinic.

The following is the scale of charges in operation at December 1963.

DOMICILIARY SERVICE

Single persons)	Income up to £4. 10. 0d. per week - Treatment FREE
Widows and Widowers)	Income up to £6. 0. 0d. per week - Half cost (7/6d.)
	Income over £6. 0. 0d. per week - Full cost (15/-)
Married persons	Income up to £6. 15. 0d. per week - Treatment FREE
	Income up to £8. 15. 0d. per week - Half cost (7/6d.)
	Income over £8. 15. 0d. per week - Full cost (15/-).

CLINIC SERVICE

The same scales of income apply except that the full charge is only 6/- instead of 15/-.

The charge for Home Treatment was increased as from 1st July, 1963 from 12/6 to 15/-.

The following statistics give some indication of the volume of work undertaken by the chiropody service during 1963.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

(1) Sessional Service at Clinics (No. of treatments).

1963	Ponsonby House	Brinnington	Heaton Chapel	North Reddish	Total
January	117	21	18	24	180
February	119	18	22	22	181
March	86	5	15	20	126
April	131	19	19	27	196
May	138	21	30	23	212
June	96	15	14	13	138
July	154	23	28	43	248
August	69	8	7	37	121
September	126	23	25	33	207
October	152	28	29	61	270
November	125	16	25	45	211
December	145	14	28	56	243
			TOTAL		<u>2333</u>

(2) Sessional Service at Old Persons' Homes

	York House	Redcroft	Marton Green	Reinbek	Bryn Haven	Newlands	Total
January	10	10	14	22	8	10	74
February	11	10	21	15	8	10	75
March	10	11	19	20	-	10	70
April	11	10	15	16	8	10	70
May	10	10	19	19	8	11	77
June	10	10	18	18	8	10	74
July	11	10	29	18	-	9	77
August	11	11	9	9	-	10	50
September	10	11	18	26	16	11	92
October	11	11	19	18	-	10	69
November	9	10	17	16	16	9	77
December	10	8	27	18	-	11	74
				TOTAL			<u>879</u>

Total Sessional fees... £991. 10. 0d.

Total Sessional treatments... 3212

(3) Domiciliary Service

1963		Total
January		226
February		180
March		229
April		313
May		252
June	All treatments given at the patient's home.	230
July		259
August		227
September		269
October		188
November		239
December		264
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	TOTAL	<u>2876</u>

Total Domiciliary Fees....£1831. 0. 3d.

The Grand Total of all treatments given during the year 1963 is 6,088

The Grand Total expenditure in fees during the year was £2822. 10. 3d.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

The following table indicates the yearly rise in the total number of patients receiving Chiropody treatment since the scheme commenced in April, 1960.

Year	New Cases	Trans. Previous Yr.	Total Deaths/Discharges	No. of persons Remaining Under Treatment
1960 (April)	619	-	8 + 5 = 13	606
1961	375	606	22 + 16 = 38	943
1962	367	943	23 + 12 = 35	1,275
1963	335	1,275	36 + 12 = 48	1,562

SECTION IX

AMBULANCE SERVICES

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Ambulance Services

(a) General

The Ambulance Service has been fully extended, and there has been an increase in the number of patients carried, the total mileage run is slightly more than the previous year. There is no doubt that the Wireless Communication System which has been in operation for the past eight years, has been responsible for a considerable saving in mileage, and has also been the means of a much speedier response to emergency calls.

A careful watch is maintained to eliminate as far as possible any misuse of the Service by those who are able to travel by public transport, and a constant liaison between the hospitals and the Ambulance Service has reduced this to a minimum.

Whenever possible arrangements are made for patients having to travel long distances, to be conveyed by train and ambulance, and during the year 97 patients were dealt with in this way.

Of the 38 Driver/Attendants, 4 hold the St. John Ambulance and Home Nursing Certificate and 34 hold the St. John Ambulance Certificate only.

The number of journeys undertaken in connection with the conveying of midwives to and from cases was 858.

A considerable number of journeys are now being made conveying patients to St. Thomas's Hospital for day care. These patients are taken in the morning, and returned during the late afternoon. This type of case will increase as the necessary accommodation becomes available at the hospital. Inter-hospital transport has also increased considerably during the year. A constant flow of patients is now taking place between Stepping Hill Hospital and St. Thomas's Hospital, and also between Stockport Infirmary and Marple Dale Hospital. Many journeys are being made conveying patients from St. Thomas's Hospital, and Cherry Tree Hospital to Stepping Hill Hospital for X Ray.

(b) Vehicles

One new vehicle has been added to the fleet during the year.

(c) Ambulance Station

The new Ambulance Station at Heaton Lane has been in operation for 12 months and full use has been made of the up-to-date facilities which has resulted in a more efficient service to the public. Since the appointment of a full-time garage mechanic, it has been possible to undertake a far greater proportion of the vehicle repair work than previously, with the result that Ambulances are in operation much sooner than before.

Shiftleaders were appointed in August 1963 in order to distribute more evenly the responsibility of the work undertaken in the Control Room.

There is no doubt that the Ambulance staff appreciate fully the greatly improved working conditions at the new building and have taken full advantage of the amenities provided.

(d) Details of Work Carried out by the Stockport Ambulance Service during 1963

GENERAL CASES		1962	1963
Stockport residents to/from Stockport	.. ..	22,537	22,268
Stockport residents to/from Manchester and District		3,499	3,913
Stockport residents to/from Outside Districts	.. ..	639	679
Cheshire County residents to/from Stockport	.. ..	1,516	1,642
Cheshire County Residents to/from Manchester and district	.. .. .. ..	169	133
Cheshire County residents to/from Cheshire Districts		10	16
Cheshire County residents to/from Outside Districts		30	55
ACCIDENT CASES			
In Stockport Area	.. .. ..	1,767	1,909
Cheshire County Area	.. .. ..	315	329
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES			
Stockport residents to Stockport	.. ..	647	794
Stockport residents to/from Outside Districts	.. ..	26	25
Cheshire residents to Stockport	.. ..	29	97
Cheshire residents to Outside Sanatoria	.. ..	-	-
	Totals	31,184	31,860

The total mileage run by all Ambulances during the year was 191,070 of these, 22,965 miles were chargeable to Cheshire County Council.

SECTION X

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

FOR NEGLECTED CHILDREN

SECTION X

Co-ordinating Committee for Neglected Children

This Committee has continued to meet each month during the year, under its designated Chairman the Medical Officer of Health.

The purpose of the Committee is to effect full liaison between those whose duties, whether statutory or voluntary, are concerned with the prevention of neglect or ill treatment of children in their own homes and to ensure that appropriate supportive or remedial measures are taken when these are found necessary.

The value of such a Committee, is that information is readily made available from a variety of sources, which prevents overlapping, and ensures concentrated action at the right time.

The composition of the committee is as follows :

Medical Officer of Health	Director of Education
Director of Welfare Services	Chief Constable
Children's Officer	Chief Public Health Inspector
Housing Manager	Superintendent Health Visitor
Probation Officer	

along with representatives of the under-mentioned organisations.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance
National Assistance Board	Stockport Council of Social Service
Womens Voluntary Service	Marriage Guidance Council
Family Service Unit	

A classification index as indicated below is used for determining the urgency of the problem in these families :-

- A - Constant Supervision
- B - Intermediate supervision
- C - Supervision from time to time

An analysis of cases under supervision at the end of the year, compared with that of the previous year, is shown :

	31st December, 1962		31st December, 1963	
A Cases	21	22
B Cases	7	6
C Cases	8	6
			<hr/> 36	<hr/> 34

During the year 2 new cases were reported, and 4 cases were taken off the list as they were considered sufficiently rehabilitated not to require further supervision.

The year under review has followed the customary pattern, with field workers, both statutory and voluntary, visiting these families at frequent intervals, to ensure in particular that children are not being wilfully neglected, and within the limits imposed that they are receiving proper care, and that meals and clothing are adequate. Parents are given advice on personal and social problems in an attempt to effect rehabilitation, and by methods such as this every effort is made to inculcate a sense of human dignity which often is lacking in these families, due to many causes.

It has never been expected that spectacular results would be achieved quickly but it is felt that due to this service further deterioration is often prevented, and it is known that in a few instances full rehabilitation has been achieved.

The Womens Voluntary Service, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Family Service Unit and the Police Clothing Fund have continued to assist during the year in the provision of household necessaries and clothing and the W.V.S. and the Family Service Unit have again been active in arranging holidays.

During the year under review the Health Committee undertook financial responsibility for the stay of a family at Brentwood Recuperative Centre at Marple.

The Housing Committee has again been most co-operative in rehousing several families and most understanding of the needs of some of the families deserving consideration.

The fact that children matter very greatly to the community and that their interests should be safeguarded, is the stimulus that activates the workers in this field, and this message is passed from them to parents who have forgotten this truth.

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